



## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Tribal Leader:

On July 24, 2014, we sent a letter informing you that an updated Johnson O'Malley (JOM) student count would be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) through September 15, 2014.

Unfortunately, we have not received a satisfactory number of submissions. Therefore, we are extending the count to December 31, 2014, to allow more time for all tribes and their tribal organizations to submit a student count that better represents the number of eligible American Indian students.

At the close of the count period, the BIE will aggregate the JOM student count, and it will be published and forwarded to Congress. The BIE plans to use the count to help distribute funding to current and new contractors beginning in fiscal year 2016. However, because the current funding distribution includes tribes receiving JOM monies as part of their Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) base funding and other factors, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the BIE will conduct consultations with tribes on the distribution methodology to be used reflecting the new count. We plan to begin consultation sessions shortly after the JOM student count has been published.

There will be two in-person consultation sessions and two on-line consultation sessions. Specific information regarding the sessions will be posted on the BIE website after December 31, 2014. As a reminder, the 2014 count is open to current and potential contractors. Any State school district, tribal organization or Indian corporation, including a previously private or sectarian operated school which is considered a tribal organization, 25 CFR § 273.11 (a), is eligible for JOM program funding. American Indians age 3 years through grade(s) 12 who are enrolled in public schools are eligible if they are either a member of a tribe or at least one fourth degree of Indian blood and also recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for BIE services.

Please visit the BIE website at <http://www.bie.edu/JOM/> to read the July 24, 2014 JOM Dear Tribal Leader letter and to retrieve the JOM spreadsheet to be used when submitting your count. If you have any questions regarding the 2014 JOM count, or to confirm you have already submitted a count, please contact Juanita Mendoza, BIE Program Analyst, by telephone at (202) 208-3559 or by email at [juanita.mendoza@bie.edu](mailto:juanita.mendoza@bie.edu).

Sincerely,

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