



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

On March 26, 2020, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) published its Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System in its Agency Plan to govern how the Secretary of the Interior implements requirements for standards, assessments, and accountability systems for BIE-funded schools consistent with Section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Agency Plan is a Consolidated State Plan aligned to the U.S. Department of Education Consolidated State Plan Template.

Consultation will be conducted to provide an overview of the ESSA formula and discretionary grant programs that are implemented within BIE-funded schools. The BIE seeks input from stakeholders as to:

- (1) what additional support the BIE can integrate in its implementation of ESSA programming in accordance with the ESSA tiers of evidence to improve student outcomes;
- (2) Graduation Rate and English Language Learners Proficiency determinations and identification of schools (comprehensive support and improvement activities and targeted support and improvement activities);
- (3) amendments to the Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) graduation rate exit criteria methodology; and
- (4) any other suggestions that would improve BIE's delivery of high-quality educational services and support to students at BIE funded schools.

Two 2 hour webinar sessions will be scheduled. One session is designated for Tribal representatives or their designee, and one session is designated for school boards, parents, teachers, and other public stakeholders. Oral and written comments will also be accepted.

The following table lists the dates and consultation webinar registration information. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIME (Mountain Time)</b>	<b>TO JOIN WEBINAR:</b>
Tribes	Tuesday, August 9, 2022	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Register in advance for this meeting: <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcOGtrj8oHDmQjBquG6kuQwNx_8AtevY">https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcOGtrj8oHDmQjBquG6kuQwNx_8AtevY</a>

Public	Thursday, August 11, 2022	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Register in advance for this meeting: <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-mtrjstGemC5hVDTEEwSYiLzPZHWxY">https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-mtrjstGemC5hVDTEEwSYiLzPZHWxY</a>
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Background information on the U.S. Department of Education Consolidated State Plan Template is available at [www.bie.edu/tribalconsultations](http://www.bie.edu/tribalconsultations). The BIE strongly recommends reviewing the BIE’s webpage prior to attending a consultation session or submitting written comments for providing meaningful feedback.

If you would like to provide written input, please either email your comments to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov) or mail to Ms. Juanita Mendoza, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3609, Washington DC 20240. If you have any questions regarding the Tribal consultations, you may contact Ms. Juanita Mendoza by phone at (202) 208-3559 or by email at [juanita.mendoza@bie.edu](mailto:juanita.mendoza@bie.edu).

Sincerely,



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