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BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

Sheraton Uptown, 2600 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM
In-Person and Online Meeting | January 18-19, 2024

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: To meet the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) for Indian children with disabilities; and to provide board members and the public, with information about various special education issues to improve special education and related services for children with disabilities within the BIE school system. The BIE advisory panel provides policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Public Law 108- 446 IDEA, Part B, Sec. 611(a)(6); Sec. 612(a)(21)(A); and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public is encouraged to provide recommendations to improve special education and related services for students with disabilities within the BIE school system. Comments can be sent to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO): Email: Jennifer.davis@bie.edu or U.S. Postal/Delivered to: Bureau of Indian Education, Attention: Jennifer Davis, DFO, 2600 N. Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004; or during the board meeting public commenting sessions, verbal comments are accepted as well as written comments in the chat box.

MEETING REGISTRATION

This meeting is open to the public and can be accessed online or in-person. The Mountain Standard Time zone (MST) will be used for this entire meeting. The BIE Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**. Each meeting day starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 4:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST). Registration is required to access the board meeting. Click on the link to register in advance for this Zoom.Gov meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdOuvrD8sEycmoRpirKbOvtzFCapwAmw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register once to attend either meeting date.

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THE DFO SERVES AS THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENT FOR ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE BOARD'S ACTIVITIES.



DAY 1- THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

This agenda is based on the Mountain Standard Time (MST) zone

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM** **Roll Call, Old Business, New Business**
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM** **Division of Performance and Accountability (DPA)/BIE Special Education Program | Dr. Eugene Thompson, Supervisory Education Specialist**
- PRESENTER QUESTIONS:**
1. BIE FFY2022 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) update.
 2. BIE Special Education Policy & Procedures Handbook update (Tribal Consultation Comments, roll out activities, etc.).
 3. BIE's SY2023-2024 Fiscal and Programmatic monitoring activities update.
- 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM** **BREAK**
- 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM** **Advisory Board Work**
- Review annual report recommendations for FFY2020, FFY2021, FFY2022 and FFY2023
- 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM** **BIE Office of the Director| Tony Dearman, Director**
- DIALOGUE WITH TONY DEARMAN:**
1. Provide an update on the progress regarding the recommendations within the previous annual reports (FFY 2020, FFY 2021, FFY 2022 and FFY 2023)
 2. BIE plans for school year 2023-2024 Update
 3. BIE Strategic Direction Update
 4. BIE National Conference and Interactive Data Workshop Update
 5. BIE upcoming projects/events, school initiatives, collaborations, etc.
- 12:15 - 12:30 PM** **Public Comment Session #1** (SEE PAGE 1 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION)
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM** **LUNCH**
- 2:00 - 2:15 PM** **Public Comment Session #2**
- 2:15 - 4:00 PM** **Advisory Board Work**
- Priority setting activity (15-minute break 3:00 – 3:15 PM).
- 4:00 - 4:30 PM** **Advisory Board Work**
- Finish any new business or old business. Work on next meeting logistics.
- 4:30 PM** **RECESS**



DAY 2 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

This agenda is based on the Mountain Standard Time (MST) zone

8:30 - 8:45 AM

Roll Call

8:45 - 10:00 AM

Panel Discussion – BIE Special Education Coordinators

A live discussion with a panel of Special Education Coordinators who work within various BIE funded high schools will discuss special education topics with the board members. Representatives are from each of the three ADD regions: Bureau Operated Schools (BOS), Tribally Controlled Schools (TCS) and Navajo Schools (BOS and TCS).

- **Grace Benally, Head Teacher** | Wingate High School, Ft. Wingate, NM
- **Berdine Largo, Special Education Director** | Mescalero Apache School, Mescalero, NM
- **Robbins Sanders, Student Services Director** | Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, OK

PRESENTER QUESTIONS:

1. What are some successes and challenges related to post-school outcomes, transition, and graduation within the school?
2. Are there any other special education areas/topics you would like to highlight?
3. What strategies are used to engage students who have left high school and are now in college, post-secondary training, or competitive employment?
4. What resources are provided to both the student with disabilities and their parent(s) regarding the transition to higher education?
5. How many students with disabilities are being referred for vocational rehabilitation services?

10:00 - 10:15 AM

Public Comment Session #3 (SEE PAGE 1 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION)

10:15 - 10:30 AM

BREAK

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CSAVR)/Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR), Lanor Curole, President of CANAR

Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CSAVR) collaborates with a variety of partners and stakeholders in vocational rehabilitation. CANAR's serves as an avenue for collaboration and cooperation between Administrators of rehabilitation agencies serving American Indian and Alaska Native persons with disabilities to enhance the quality of services, resulting in positive employment outcomes.

PRESENTER QUESTIONS:

1. How many students are being referred to vocational rehabilitation (VR) services?
2. How are CANAR services coordinated with the state VR?



3. How are students supported once they are admitted into the VR services? If so, what supports are provided?
4. If a student leaves VR services, is there an exit interview?
5. What is the student success rate when a student access VR services?

11:30 - 11:45 PM

Public Comment Session #4

11:45 - 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 PM

LRP Products | Kelly Whiting, LRP Representative

Will provide information about three LRP products provided by the BIE for all BIE funded schools (Bureau Operated schools and Tribally Controlled schools).

- Special Ed Connection
- ESEA Now
- DirectSTEP eLearning

2:30 - 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 - 4:00 PM

Advisory Board work

- Work on next meeting logistics
- Start working on the first priority for the annual report as a group.
- Lesson learned – what went right and what went wrong.
- What can be improved (e.g., processes, methods, strategies, productivity, etc.).
- Recommendations for future projects or meetings
- Discuss next steps.

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Advisory Board work

- Wrap-up important decisions, action items, discuss outstanding tasks, share working folder with board members for future meetings, acknowledge team's achievement, celebrate successful project completions, and discuss next steps.

4:30 PM

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BIE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

NORMAN SHAWANOKASIC, CHAIRPERSON | TERM: 7/10/2024 TO 7/10/2026 | STATE: WISCONSIN
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

PILAR PELTIER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025 | STATE: OREGON
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

DR. JANET SLOWMAN-CHEE, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 9/14/2023 TO 9/14/2026 | STATE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

MONICA CLEVELAND, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 3/15/2024 TO 3/15/2026 | STATE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

LESLIE FINNEARTY, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025 | STATE: NORTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

RACHEL HARRISON, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 4/18/2024 TO 4/18/2026 | STATE: OKLAHOMA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

WENDY KROUPA, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 4/18/2024 TO 4/18/2026 | STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS

GRETCHEN LEHMANN, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 0/10/2025 | STATE: NORTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

LEON K. REVAL, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 9/14/2023 TO 9/14/2026 | STATE: NEW MEXICO
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

BRIAN WAGNER, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: TERM: 11/4/2022 TO 11/4/2025 | STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA
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GRETCHEN WENDELL, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 0/10/2025 | STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS

DR. ELIZABETH YOUNCE, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 9/14/2023 TO 9/14/2026 | STATE: NORTH CAROLINA
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