



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Education
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Dear Students, School Leaders, and Community Members,

It is my pleasure to announce that the Bureau of Indian Education is now accepting applications for the 2026–2027 Student Advisory Board. This initiative is a vital part of the BIE’s 2024–2030 Strategic Direction, which places students at the center of everything we do.

The Student Advisory Board provides a platform for students to share their experiences, ideas, and priorities directly with BIE leadership. Through this Board, students will help shape decisions that impact their schools and communities while developing leadership skills and engaging in meaningful dialogue with peers and Bureau officials.

The Board will consist of four to six student members, each representing one of the following:

- Bureau Operated Schools
- Navajo Schools
- Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
- Haskell Indian Nations University
- Tribally Controlled Schools (if choosing to participate)
- Tribal Colleges and Universities (if choosing to participate)

Student Advisors will serve a one-year term during the 2026–2027 school year. They will participate in regular conversations with BIE leadership to provide input on issues important to students and the progress of the BIE Strategic Direction.

We encourage school leaders and staff to identify and support students who would be strong candidates for this opportunity. Applications must include confirmation of good academic standing from the school administration and two references.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must complete the full BIE Student Advisory Board application and submit all required documents by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, March 27, 2026. Applications are accepted by email only at bie.sab@bie.edu.

All applicants will be notified regarding their selection status. For more information, please visit the [Student Advisory Board webpage](#) or contact us at bie.sab@bie.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony L. Dearman'.

Tony L. Dearman, Director