



**United States Department of the Interior**  
**BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION**  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Listening Sessions on BIE Strategic Direction 2018-2023: Years 4 and 5  
Implementation

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is currently in its third year of implementing its [Strategic Direction](#) (“[Direction](#)”) for 2018-2023. The BIE developed the Direction through formal timely and meaningful consultation from Tribal leaders and stakeholders, such as school boards, union members, educators, and families of Native students. During the original Tribal consultation and listening sessions, the BIE stated it would provide a mid-cycle review to report implementation progress and receive input regarding the potential need to make substantive changes to the Direction. Given the unforeseen impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need to provide Tribes and other stakeholders with a meaningful opportunity to shape the remaining years of the BIE’s implementation efforts is especially important.

To obtain your input regarding years 4 and 5 of the Direction, the BIE Performance Office designated separate listening sessions to focus input on each of the Direction’s six mission areas and goals. Information on each of the goals is attached. The listening sessions are scheduled as follows:

Mission Area: Comprehensive Strategic Direction Overview  
August 24, 2021

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=e97f55ec4f62e7837bddd0e5824c48cfe>

Goal 01 – High-Quality, Early Childhood Education

August 24, 2021

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=e923a6532db9ab220265e3d7c7dda71c0>

Goal 02 – Wellness, Behavioral Health, and Safety

August 25, 2021

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=ece4c91a0085438908204c810753e3062>

Goal 03 – K-12 Instruction and High Academic Standards

August 25, 2021

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee71e40e9d2ac48dc4149533cc5f816c5>

Goal 04 – Postsecondary and Career Readiness

August 25, 2021

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4529f0e4b103765d2c388655afd99f34>

Goal 05 – Self-Determination

August 26, 2021

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=e37e49195a2325aa3629746186cc08222>

Goal 06 – Performance Management

August 26, 2021

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST

<https://doilearn2.webex.com/doilearn2/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8c10ad0d0bab896669a0e7e6f885f770>

Similar to BIE's initial Tribal consultation held prior to the Direction's implementation, comments received during the mid-cycle listening sessions will be recorded for consideration. To submit formal written comments, please send your feedback to [Chelsea.Wilson@bie.edu](mailto:Chelsea.Wilson@bie.edu) by Friday, September 3, 2021, to ensure timely consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Wilson, at (703) 581-3064 or [Chelsea.Wilson@bie.edu](mailto:Chelsea.Wilson@bie.edu). I look forward to your input.

Sincerely,



Tony L. Dearman

Director – Bureau of Indian Education