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=e37e49195a2325aa3629746186cc06222

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 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. I look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

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Director – Bureau of Indian Education