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Welcome from BIE Director

Tony Dearman
Reopening K–12 and Residential Facilities

May 10, 2021
Welcome & Introductions

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Purpose of Consultation

• The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is conducting this consultation to obtain oral and written comments regarding Reopening K–12 and Residential Facilities which includes Day Schools, Off-Reservation Boarding Schools, On-Reservation Boarding Schools, and Peripheral Dormitories for school year 2021-2022.

• Consultation is intended to ensure BIE is meeting the educational needs of students, schools, and tribal communities to provide a safe environment for the continuation of educational needs of the students in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and following guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

• Written comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET, May 14, 2021. Written comments may be emailed to comments@bia.gov.
Resources

BIE School Reopening Guidance Supports

• Executive Order 14000 of January 21, 2021, on safely reopening schools

• U.S. Department of Education (ED), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published guidance:
General Questions to Consider

• Should online learning be a continued option for students who do not feel that they can return to face-to-face learning?

• In addition to the following prevention strategies, what measures should BIE-funded schools consider to ensure the safety of students:

  ✓ Universal and correct wearing of masks;
  ✓ Physical distancing;
  ✓ Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
  ✓ Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including proper school ventilation; and
  ✓ Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with guidelines from relevant state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments.
General Questions to Consider
Schools with Dormitories and Peripheral Dormitories

• Will Tribes be restricting their members from attending out-of-state residential schools?
• Will Tribes be implementing mandatory quarantines due to out-of-state travel?
• Should eligible students be required to be vaccinated to attend in day schools? Residential?
• What do Tribes recommend as the safest form of transportation for students off-reservation boarding schools (ORBS)? (To travel to the ORBS and return from home)
Questions to Consider

• What should the student capacity be for dorm rooms?

• Should there be checkout restrictions placed on students/families?

• Are there going to be restrictions on taking students off campus for recreation activities, field trips or college visits (subject to local pandemic guidelines)?
Comments?

• Please raise your hand using the reactions button at bottom right of your screen.

• Once called on, please state your name and affiliation before speaking.
Next Steps and Timelines

• Written comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET, May 14, 2021 (check date of Dear Tribal Leader Letter). Written comments may be emailed to comments@bia.gov.

• Oral comments received as part of the consultation sessions will be transcribed and report posted to BIE website.
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