



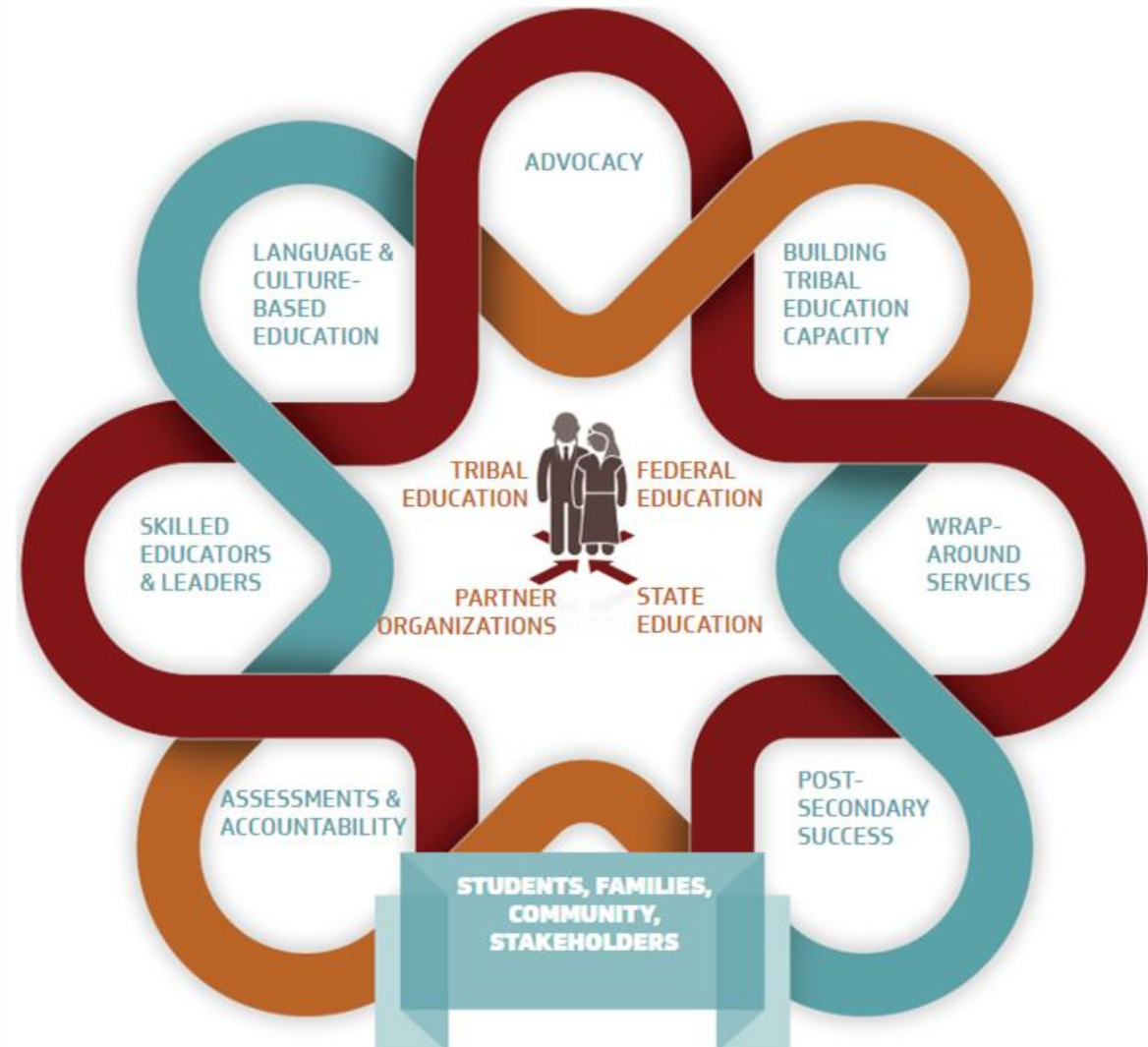
NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



WHO IS NIEA?

OUR MISSION

The National Indian Education Association advances comprehensive, culture-based educational opportunities for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.



WHO IS NIEA?



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Promote new laws that provide opportunities and resources for Native students



APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES

Support the necessary funding to run and operate schools, programs, and resources that serve Native students



ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES

Ensure that federal laws, programs, and funding are implemented and serving Native students

These areas often overlap and impact each other. For example, a law can require appropriations, or the Administration can pressure Congress to pass legislation according to the President's priorities.

2020 NIEA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Higher Education Act

Improve access, accountability, affordability, and success of Native students in the higher education system



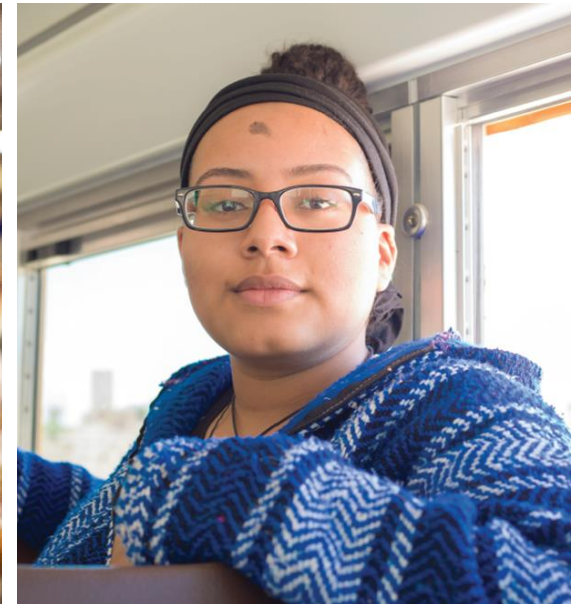
Teacher Preparation

Build a teacher workforce trained to deliver culturally responsive content for Native students



School Climate

Support culturally responsive trauma-informed education practices that address historical trauma



School Construction

Ensure tribes have equitable access to funding in appropriations and legislation in the 116th Congress



HIGHER EDUCATION PRIORITIES

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

Authorizes federal student aid and programs that support post-secondary education.

STATUS: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is currently drafting language for introduction. Passed Committee in House on October 30, 2019.

- **Data Sovereignty**
- **Support & Fully Fund TCUs**
- **Support Funding & Accountability to Tribes at Native-Serving Institutions**





TEACHER PREPARATION PRIORITIES

Native Educator Support and Training Act

Creates scholarships, loan repayment programs, institutional grants, and Native language program grants to attract teachers to Native majority schools

STATUS: Introduced in the Senate on April 11, 2019.

S. 3158 / H.R.5350 - Diversify Act

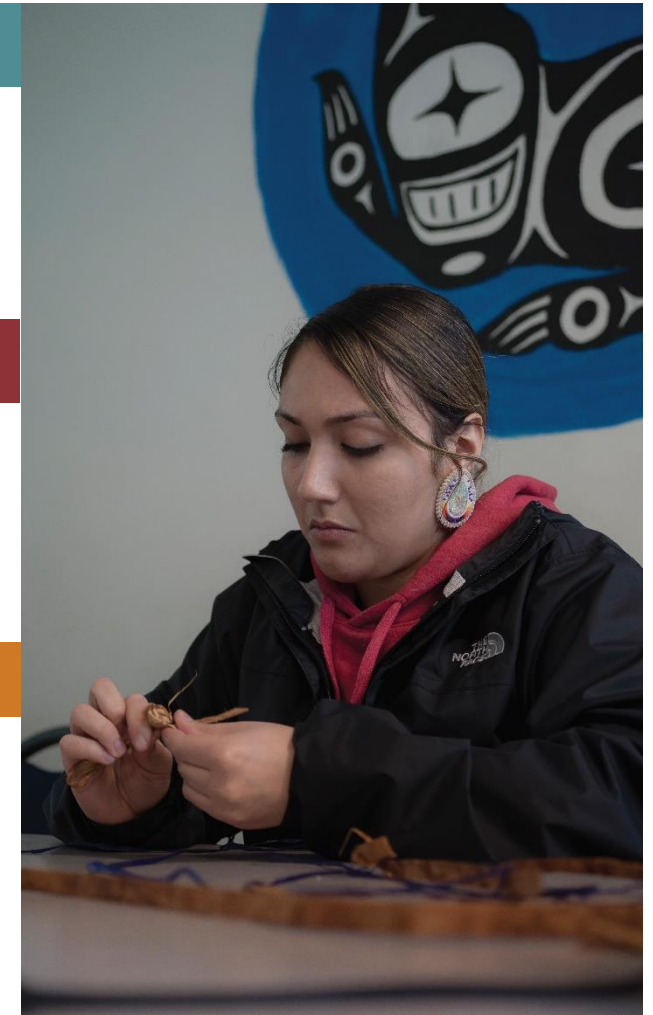
Seeks to diversify the teacher workforce by increasing the minimum TEACH Grant from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

STATUS: Introduced in the House and the Senate on December 6, 2018 and January 8, 2020.

S.279 / H.R.895 - Tribal School Federal Insurance Parity Act

Ensures parity between federal health employee benefits at PL 93-638 schools and PL 100-297 schools.

STATUS: Passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 9, 2019. Passed the House Natural Resources Committee on January 15, 2020. Included in the HEROES Act, which passed the House on May 15, 2020.





SCHOOL CLIMATE PRIORITIES

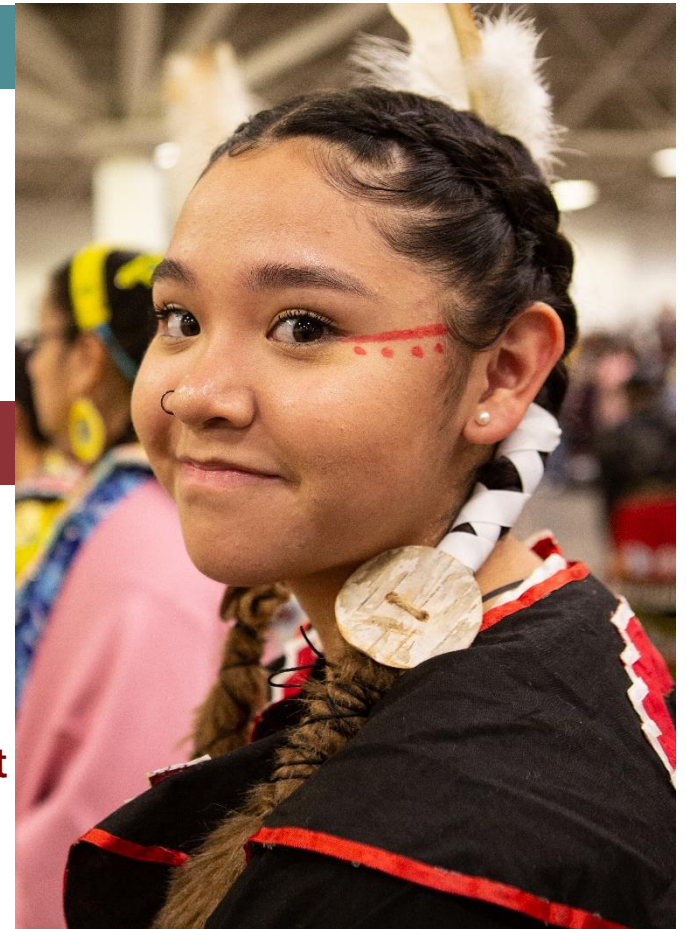
H.R. 5325: Ending PUSHOUT Act

Reduces exclusionary discipline in schools, and strengthens the Civil Rights Data Collection.
STATUS: Introduced in the House on December 5, 2019.

Congressional Oversight

Congressional leaders have begun to address gaps in trauma-informed education through hearings.
STATUS: Hearing held on September 11, 2019.

Congressional leaders continue to examine troubling reports of disproportionate disciplinary action that resulted in a troubling trend of student expulsion, unhealthy learning environments, and student deaths at Chemawa Indian School.
STATUS: Hearing held on May 16, 2019.



NEW NATIONAL LANDSCAPE – COVID-19



H.R.748 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Passed Congress on March 27, 2020.

- Authorized over \$2.2 trillion in emergency stimulus relief.

CARES ACT FUNDING



Department of Education

- **\$153.75 million (0.5 percent)** set aside for schools and programs funded through the Bureau of Indian in the Department of Education's Education Stabilization Fund
- **\$1.04 billion (7.5 percent)** for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority-Servicing Institutions (MSIs), including Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

Bureau of Indian Education

- \$69 million** for Bureau of Indian Education Operations
- **\$46 million** for K-12 school in the BIE system; and
 - **\$23 million** for Tribal Colleges and Universities.



COVID-19 NATIVE EDUCATION PRIORITIES



SCHOOL OPERATIONS

\$1.5 billion in direct funding to Bureau-funded schools, as defined in 25 U.S.C. §2021(3) to meet the health, safety, and educational needs of students due to the impacts of COVID-19.

SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

\$1 billion in emergency funding to address the backlog of unfunded repairs and renovations at Bureau-funded schools, as defined in 25 U.S.C. §2021(3).



BIE REOPENING PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS








- 1** Ensure schools close in accordance with tribal, local, and state guidelines
- 2** Provide clear and consistent communication to all schools.
- 3** Expand guidance and professional development on distance education and hybrid education models.
- 4** Ensure high-quality trauma training and mental health services.
- 5** Provide high-quality guidance to support education services for all students, including students with disabilities.





BIE REOPENING PLAN

GOALS FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS

 <p>Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff</p>	 <p>Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery mode</p>	 <p>Provide equity for all students</p>	 <p>Optimize use of resources</p>
 <p>COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE!</p>		 <p>Engage tribal community and stakeholders in planning and implementation</p>	 <p>Provide guidance and resources to support teaching and learning in a COVID-19 environment</p>

6 STEPS TO SAFELY OPEN SCHOOLS 2020/21

STEP ONE

Symptom Screening at Home Before Coming to School
(for all Staff and Students)

STEP TWO

Physical Distancing and Clean Facilities

STEP THREE

Face Coverings

STEP FOUR

Hand Hygiene

STEP FIVE

Personal Protective Equipment

STEP SIX

Return to School After Illness Protocol



ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 President Request	FY 2021 House
Department of Interior				
Bureau of Indian Education Operations	904.6	943.1	875.7	981.7
<i>Elementary and Secondary Education</i>	726.6	753.5	728.7	778.5
<i>Post-Secondary Education</i>	142.7	146.9	98.0	153.4
Education Construction	238.3	248.3	68.9	249.3
Department of Education	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY21
Impact Aid	1,446	1,486	1411	1491
Indian Education (Title VI)	180.2	180.7	180.7	181.2
Native Hawaiian Student Education	36.4	36.9	0	37.9
Alaska Native Education Equity Assistance	35.5	36.0	0	36.0
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	15,859	16,310	0	16,563
Strengthening Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	30.9	33.3	0	34.4
Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities	61.9	66.6	66.6	68.8
Tribally Controlled Postsecondary and Technical Institutions	9.6	10	10	10.6
Strengthening Native-Serving, Non-Tribal Institutions	8.9	9.4	0	9.7

Questions?



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