Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC)
BIE Update

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Agenda

• BIE Leadership
• BIE Outreach and Professional Development
• Initiatives and Investments
• School Year 2023-2024 Funding
• Post-Pandemic Reporting Activities
• Looking forward
• Questions & Answers
Leadership Team

• Tony Dearman, Director
• Sharon Pinto, Deputy Bureau Director
• Dr. Cherie Poitra, ADD Tribally Controlled Schools
• Emily Arviso, ADD Navajo Schools
• Hankie Ortiz, ADD Director Bureau Operated Schools
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• Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer, President, SIPI
• Dr. Francis Arpan, President, HINU

BIE is focused on investing in our leaders of tomorrow
Outreach & Professional Development

- Principals Leadership Institute
- Principals Leadership Academy
- Innovation in Education Summit
- Behavior Health & Wellness Summer Institute
- School Operations Facility Manager “Bootcamp”
- Tribal and School Leadership Summit (TCS)
- Interactive Data Workshop

Over 500 attendees have attended outreach activities this summer
BIE Native American Food Hub Initiative

BIE is currently onboarding a Public Health Service Nutritionist to lead our Native American Food Hub Initiative

4 Initial Native Food Hub Pilot Schools

• Sherman Indian High School - Riverside, CA
• Cottonwood Day School - Chinle, AZ
• Nenahnezad Community School - Fruitland, NM
• San Felipe Pueblo Elementary School - San Felipe Pueblo, NM
• Community Planners to support school transportation planning
• Fleet Managers to assist with bus ordering, fleet replacements
• BIE route mapping to support BIA roads maintenance/improvements
• EPA Clean School Bus and Electric Vehicle Transition Collaboration
• Investments in transportation IT system modernization (WebET 2.0)

Due to the dispersion of BIE students over wide distances, the total number of BIE school bus miles driven is significantly higher than traditional school systems – over 14 million miles driven reported annually and over 1 million miles on “unimproved or earth roads.”
Expanding Key Programs with Additional Funding in FY 2023

Native Language Immersion Programs

• BIE’s priority is to promote Native language revitalization.
• 2023 provides $7.5 million, a $2 million increase from 2022

Early Childhood and Family Development Programs

• Early Childhood Development funds schools participating in Family and Child Education (FACE) programs.
• 2023 provides $25.3 million, a $3 million increase from 2022

Congressional Reporting on Program Participation is Required With Additional Funding Received in 2023
Behavioral Health and Wellness Programs

• Strengthening resiliency of students and staff
• Strategies & Information on Mental Health Trends
• Healthy Lifestyle Choices
• Educational Best Practices

BIE’s Lead Student Health Program Specialist & Health Specialists under each ADD support health & wellness services for students and staff. Schools receive virtual counseling and on-site crisis services.
Strategic Transformation of Education Plan - STEP

• Supports initiatives at participating pilot schools to support online learning, technical literacy, best practices in online learning, and social emotional learning.

• Additional support includes Wide Area Network and Internet Service delivery for over 80 BIE-funded and Tribally Controlled schools.

• Ancillary efforts includes website hosting and management for all Bureau-Operated Schools and the BIE’s main site, additional systems security and privacy support, project management support and other business services. (NASIS, etc.)
Key School Year 23-24 Funding Highlights

Recognizing Positive Budget Trends

**ISEP 2023 Funding Increase**

- 2021: $426,838,000
- 2022: $440,784,000
- 2023: $481,636,000

K-12 Core ISEP Funding **Increases 11%** in FY 2023 from FY 2022

**Tribal Grants 2023 Increase**

- 2021: $86,884,000
- 2022: $89,450,000
- 2023: $95,822,000

Tribal Grant Support Costs **Increase 7%** in FY 2023 from FY 2022
Transportation Funding Increases over 17% in 2023 from 2022
Recognizing Positive Budget Trends

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Post-Pandemic Resumption of Key Reporting Requirements

- Student Enrollment Counts (June)
- TCU Enrollment Counts (June)
- Transportation Mileage Reporting (Sept)

**Student counts are key metric for funding K-12 & Post-Secondary Programs**

Resumption of school reporting ensures funding is BIE funds are fairly and equitably distributed to schools based on students served.
Looking Forward

• Support student & staff post-COVID-19 needs
• Strengthen teacher recruitment and retention
• Move forward on BIE roles taken over from BIA
• Continue outreach & professional development initiatives
• Support school transition to clean vehicles
• Justify BIE funding needs in out-year budgets
Questions and Answers

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