



**United States Department of the Interior**  
**BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION**  
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## **National Policy Memorandum**

### **Bureau of Indian Education**

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**Expires:** SEP 19 2013

**Title:** Policy to Support Accelerated Food Purchases

#### **1. Purpose**

On November 11, 2011, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) developed a broad and flexible Health and Wellness Policy (30 IAM 7) that allows BIE operated schools to identify their own local health priorities. In addition, the policy encourages BIE schools to improve their environments by implementing a plan to enhance the health and well-being of students.

The BIE is committed to supporting farming and ranching communities across the country as well as striving to incorporate healthy foods in their meal planning. The Policy to Support Accelerated Food Purchases allows schools to accelerate their food purchases wherever possible to support those farmers and ranchers severely impacted by the drought in the United States, as well as to control school food costs.

#### **2. Scope**

All BIE operated schools are required to incorporate this policy in school year (SY) 2012-2013. Tribally controlled Public Law 100-297 grant and Public Law 93-638 contract schools are encouraged to adopt the policy or a similar one.

#### **3. Policy**

The BIE relies on farmers and ranchers across the country to provide healthy and nutritious food for our students. The current drought in the United States has placed farmers and ranchers in a state of emergency and will result in substantial increases to food prices.

The BIE operated schools are required to work with their respective contracting officers to accelerate food purchases when they can. These purchases will support cost containment for the anticipated significant increases in food prices and support farmers and ranchers gravely impacted by the drought.


#### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

**Director, BIE.** The BIE Director is responsible for final approval of the BIE Policy to Support Accelerated Food Purchases.

**Associated Deputy Directors (ADDs) East, Navajo and West, BIE.** The BIE ADDs are responsible for ensuring this policy is clearly communicated to staff at each of their respective schools and implemented where possible.

#### 5. Approval

  
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Brian Drapeaux  
Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education

  
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