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Dear Tribal Leader:

Engagement with tribal leadership is essential to my job as the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. To further this engagement, I invite you to participate in a listening session regarding one of our most important trust responsibilities – education.

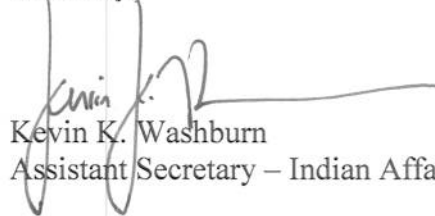
Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan have convened an American Indian Education Study Group (Study Group) to find ways to improve American Indian education for students attending Bureau of Indian education schools. This listening session will provide an opportunity for tribal leaders to engage core members of the Study Group and begin providing insights or suggested solutions for policy framework. The meeting will be:

Thursday, November 14, 2013
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Room 5160
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

We hope you take this opportunity to engage the Study Group. If you are interested in attending the session or have questions, please RSVP by emailing my office at iaedsolutions@bia.gov. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide input to the Study Group or have any other questions, please do so by emailing iaedsolutions@bia.gov.

Additionally, please be aware that the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations will be hosting an open house in the 7200 corridor of the Interior building on November 14, 2013, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm with staff available to answer questions you may have. Light refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,



Kevin K. Washburn
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs