



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Secretary of the Interior established the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) in July 2018 to provide the Secretary with recommendations on the development of regulations to define BIE's standards, assessments, and accountability system consistent with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) section 1111 (20 U.S.C. § 6311), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. In addition, the Committee was also asked to provide recommendations that encourage the exercise of the authority of Tribal governing bodies or school boards to adopt their own standards, assessments, and accountability system through the use of waivers as described in ESEA section 8204(c).

In March 2019, the Committee reached consensus on major sections of the proposed rule. A summary report of the Committee's recommendations was transmitted to BIE in early April 2019 and is available on the BIE website for your review. The proposed rule is being published in the Federal Register, and is also available at the following website:

<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/regulations-development-andor-under-review/BIE-SAA>

We will conduct the following Tribal consultation sessions on the standards, assessments, and accountability system proposed rule:

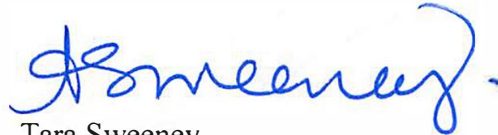
DATE	TIME (local time zone)	Location Information
Thursday, July 11, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) 9169 Coors Blvd NW Albuquerque, NM 87120
Tuesday, July 16, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Navajo Nation Museum Highway 264 and Loop Road Window Rock, AZ 86515
Thursday, July 18, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Oglala Lakota College 490 Piya Wiconi Road Kyle SD, 57752
Tuesday, July 23, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	2001 Killebrew Drive Minnesota Room Bloomington, MN 55425
Friday, July 26, 2019	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Teleconference or webinar*
Tuesday, July 30, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Washington (specific venue TBD)*

*Details will be posted on the BIE website and at the link provided above.

If you would like to provide written input, please either email your input to consultation@bia.gov or follow the directions in the proposed rule for submitting comments via www.regulations.gov. All comments must be received by midnight Eastern Time on **Friday, August 9, 2019**.

If you have any questions regarding the Tribal consultations, please contact Juanita Mendoza at 202-208-3559 or Juanita.mendoza@bie.edu.

Sincerely,



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