

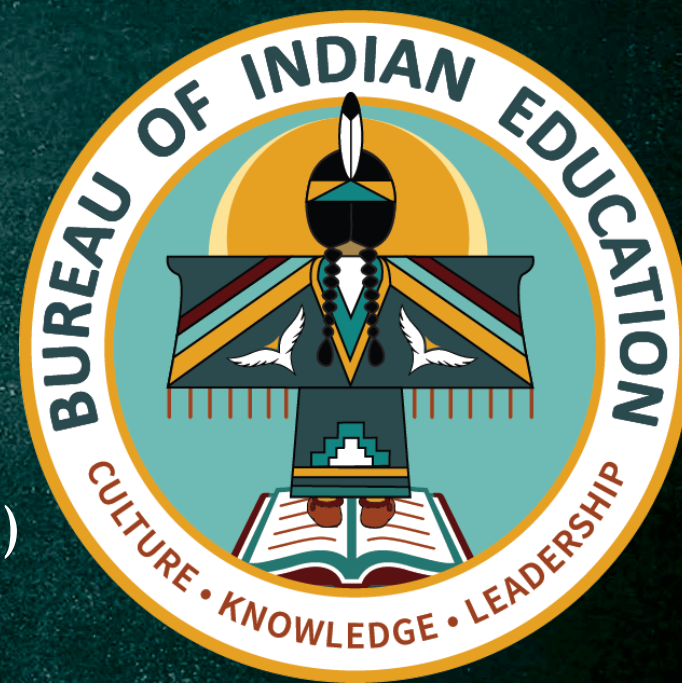


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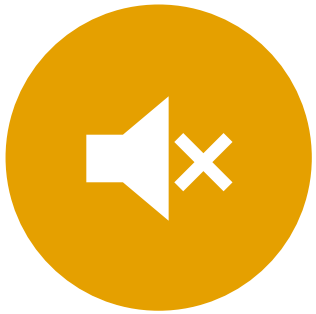
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TRIBAL CONSULTATION: EXECUTIVE ORDER ON EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES

Tribes/Public Session: July 15, 2025, 3:00-5:00 pm (ET)



BEFORE WE BEGIN...



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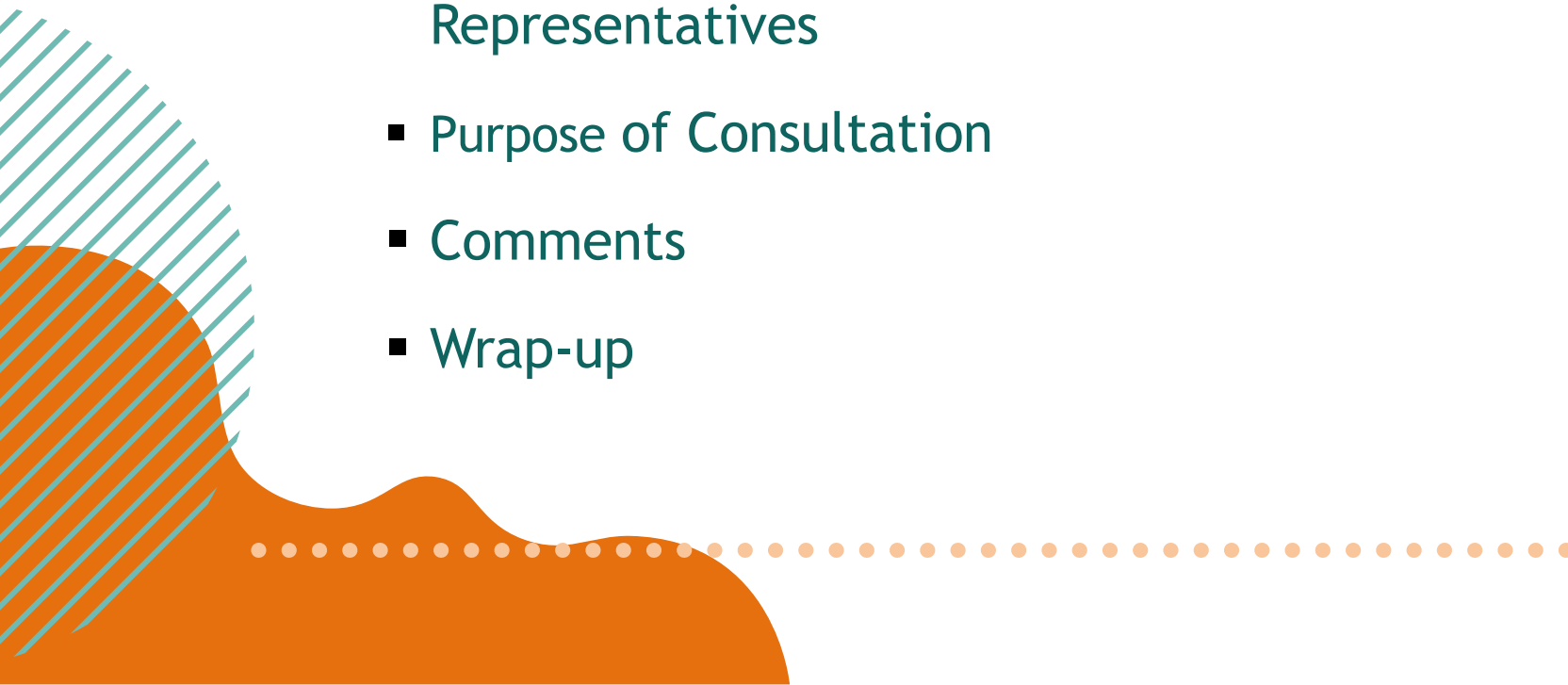
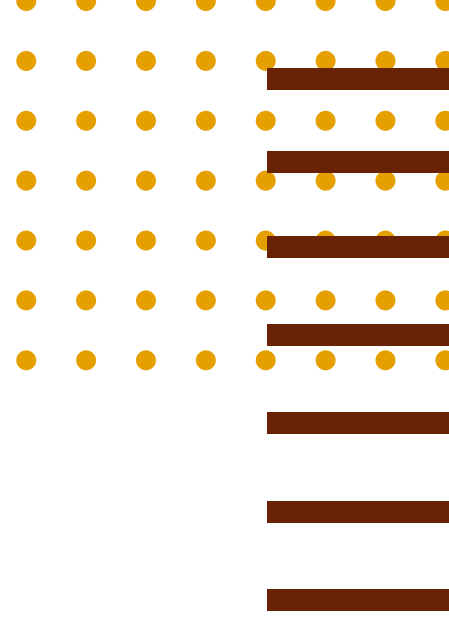
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AGENDA

- Opening Prayer
- Consultation Overview
- Introductions of Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Representatives
- Purpose of Consultation
- Comments
- Wrap-up





PRAYER

- Mr. Detroit James, Education Program Specialist, Division of Performance and Accountability

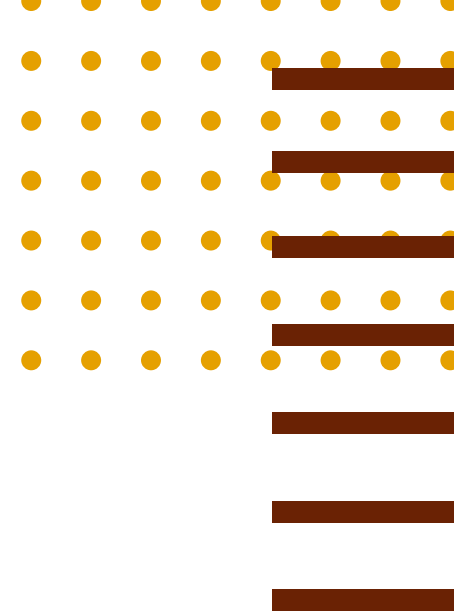
CONSULTATION COMMENTS OVERVIEW



- DOI Tribal Consultations are closed to the public and the press.
 - This session is recorded and transcribed.
 - For tribal leaders, elected representatives, and education stakeholders prior to making a comment, please state:
 - **Your Name**
 - **Your Title**
 - **Your Tribal Affiliation**
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INTRODUCTIONS OF BIE REPRESENTATIVES

- Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education
U.S. Department of the Interior
- Margo Delaune, Associate Deputy Director
Division of Performance and Accountability, BIE
- Carmelia Becenti, Chief Academic Officer, BIE



Mission

In partnership with Indigenous Nations, the BIE promotes a culturally based, holistic education that prepares and empowers students to be healthy and successful.

Vision

Excellence in Student-Centered, Indigenous Education.



PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION

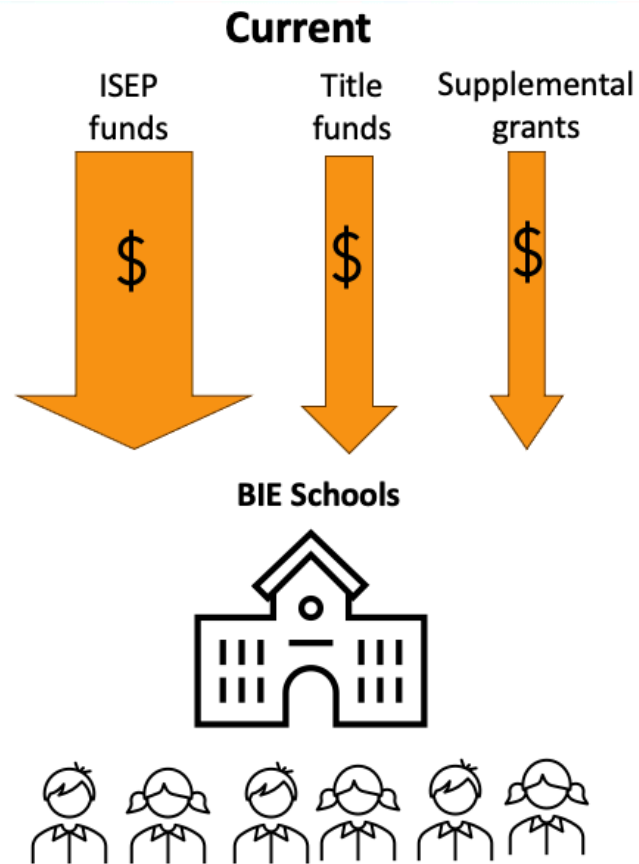
- On January 23, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families.
- The EO Section 7 directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) within 90 days to review any available mechanisms under which families of students eligible to attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools may use their Federal funding for educational options of their choice, including private, faith-based, or public charter schools.
- EO Section 7 also directs the Secretary to submit a plan to the President describing such mechanisms and the steps necessary to implement them for the 2025-26 school year.

Seeking Input from Tribes/Stakeholders

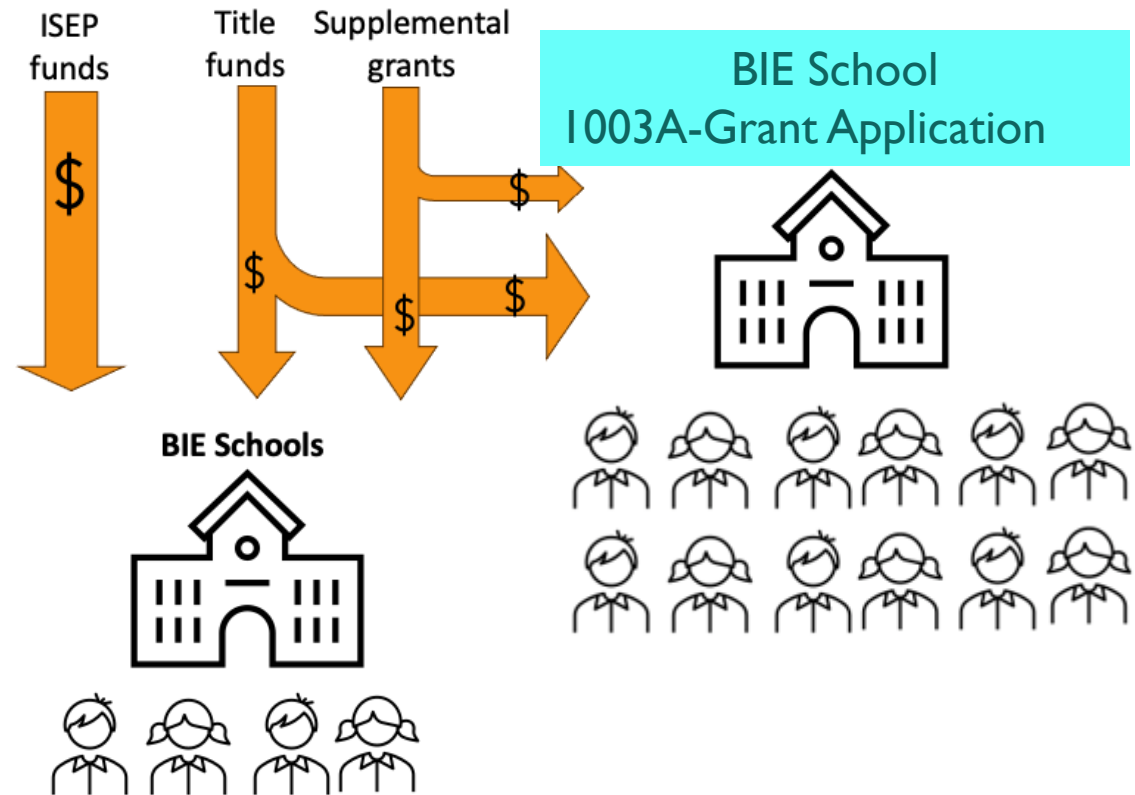
Consultation is being conducted to seek meaningful and timely input from Tribes and stakeholders on the EO and related topics including:

- 1) Specific input for strengthening pathways, so identified schools may utilize 1003A funds to further develop such academic programs in alignment with extended learning opportunities for students, including increasing access to advanced courses, career and technical education, credit recovery, and high-quality tutoring; and
- 2) Reviewing in detail the resources and support for transitioning existing BIE-operated schools to BIE-funded, tribally controlled schools.

I003A-DIRECT STUDENT SERVICES FUNDING



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I 003A funding can be used for options for direct student services, such as:

- Enrollment in advanced courses, dual enrollment or career and technical education
- Credit recovery and academic acceleration programs
- Support for students to complete postsecondary-level instruction and examinations, such as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
- Personalized learning components, like high-quality tutoring

Soliciting Feedback Regarding Available Mechanisms

Given the Executive Order (EO) to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families,

- How should BIE strengthen pathways, so identified schools may utilize 1003A funds to further develop such academic programs in alignment with extended learning opportunities for students, including increasing access to advanced courses, career and technical education, credit recovery, and high-quality tutoring?

Soliciting Feedback Regarding Eligibility Criteria

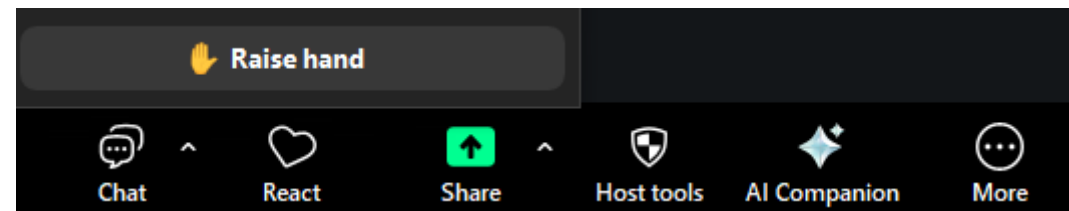
Given the Executive Order (EO) to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families,

- How should BIE provide support and resources for transitioning existing BIE-operated schools to BIE-funded, tribally controlled schools?

QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

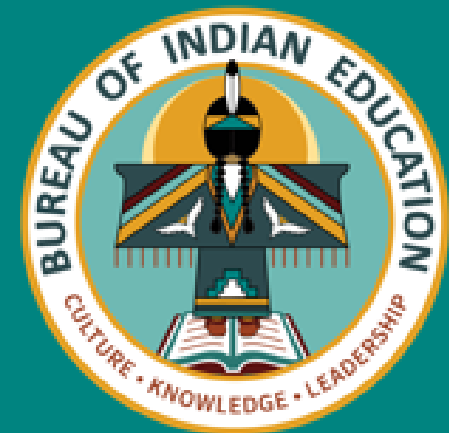
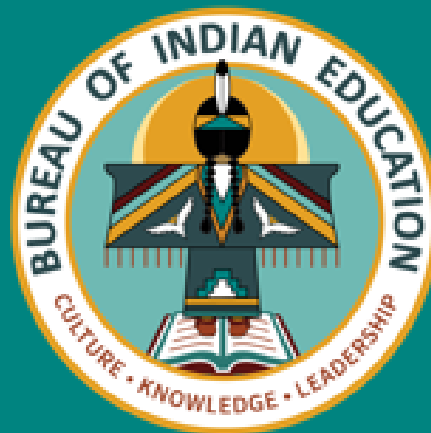
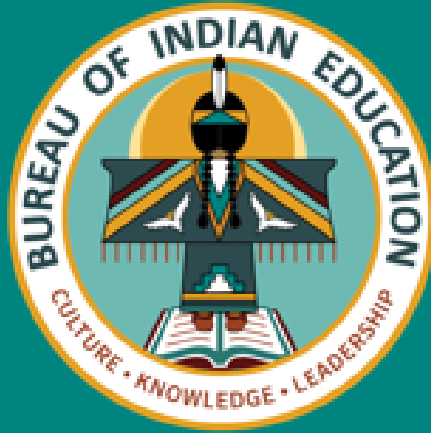
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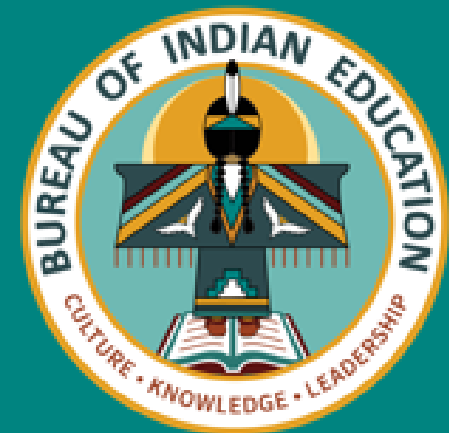
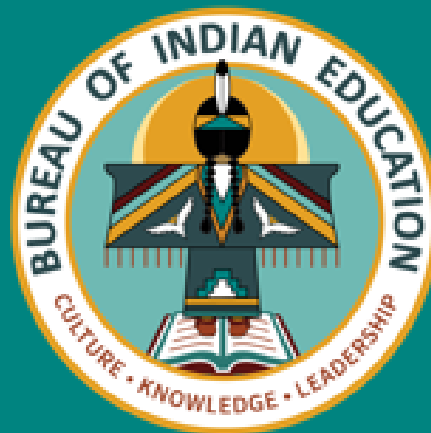
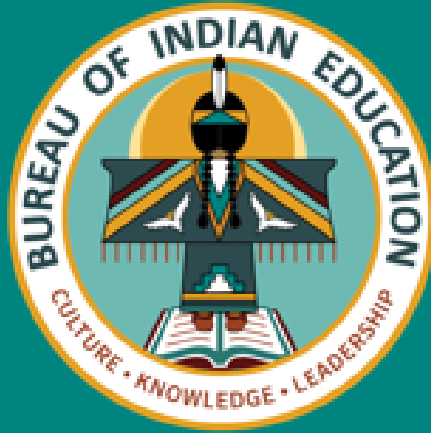
- Click on the link to access the Executive Order on [Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families - The White House](#)
- Send comments by email to consultationcomments@bie.edu with “Executive Order to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunities for Families” in the email subject line or to Juanita Mendoza, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3609, Washington, DC 20240.
- For Information Contact:
 - Juanita Mendoza, Special Assistant to the Director
 - Phone: (202) 208-3559
 - Email: Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu

NEXT STEPS

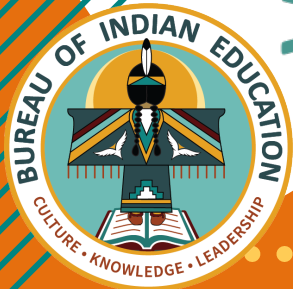
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comments by **Friday**
July 25, 2025,
11:59pm Pacific
Time

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