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## PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Parents and Guardians of BIE Students  
BIE School Board, Principals, and Staff  
Nation's Members  
Nation's Branches and Districts

FROM: /s/ Janice Felix, Chairperson  
Human Resources Development Committee

DATE: March 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Bureau of Indian Education Consultation on BIE School Performance and Alternatives to BIE-Funded Schools for 2025-2026 School Year

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On January 29, 2025, President Trump issued the attached Executive Order directing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a report on BIE school performance and alternatives to Bureau of Indian Education ("BIE") schools within 90 days.

On February 28, 2025, the BIE announced a very short, two-week consultation for tribes and stakeholders to comment on education alternatives to BIE-funded schools. This includes options for sending BIE students to private, faith-based, or public charter schools as soon as the 2025-2026 school year.

The BIE has scheduled two 2-hour consultation webinars for Friday, March 14, 2025, with the first session beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the second session beginning at 11:30 a.m. Arizona time. If you choose to attend and hear more about the BIE's plans, and tribes' reactions, the registration information is available in the attached letter.

There will also be a **virtual town hall on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** for Nation's parents and guardians, BIE school board, principals, and staff, and the public to provide the Legislative Council Human Resources Development Committee, Education Department, and Chairman Jose and Vice Chairwoman Johnson with input on the BIE alternatives proposal. Please join at <https://meet.goto.com/300738557>, or dial in using your phone: Access Code: 300-738-557, United States: +1 (224) 501-3412. Written comments may be submitted to Julianna Saraficio at [julianna.saraficio@tonation-nsn.gov](mailto:julianna.saraficio@tonation-nsn.gov) or by mail to Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch c/o Julianna Saraficio, P.O. Box 837, Sells, Arizona 85634. Thank you.

Attachments