



## Notice of Tribal Consultation: Virtual Public Meeting

Dear Tribal Leader,

The U.S. Department of Education's (Department's) Office of Indian Education (OIE) will conduct Tribal Consultation for two discretionary grant programs with tribal implications. The purpose of the consultation will be to receive meaningful tribal input on the [State Tribal Education Partnership \(STEP\) discretionary grant program](#) and the program for Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs) authorized in [Section 11006\(1\)](#) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP provides \$20 million for "awards for Tribal education agencies for activities authorized under section [6121\(c\)](#) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965."

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's commitment to engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian Tribes and Indian education stakeholders, a **combined** Tribal Consultation will be conducted by the Office of Indian Education in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) and the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (WHIAIANE).

Consistent with the Department's trust responsibility to Tribes and our Tribal Consultation Policy, the OIE will consult with elected officials of federally recognized Tribes to ensure that their views inform the Department's policy decisions related to aspects of the competitions such as the definitions, priorities, selection criteria, and requirements of future competitions under these statutory authorities.

### Virtual Tribal Consultation Tentative Agenda

*Registration Link Coming Soon*

**Venue:** Online Meeting Platform

**Date:** April 26, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (ET)\*

<b>STEP Consultation</b>	1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
<b>Intermission</b>	2:30 – 2:45 p.m.
<b>ARP/TEA Consultation</b>	2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

*\*consultation session times are subject to change*

Written public comments **will only be** collected through the [TribalConsultation@ed.gov](mailto:TribalConsultation@ed.gov) email address. Consultation questions for public comment will be provided shortly. All comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on April 26, 2021.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to honor the government-to-government relationship with Tribes and look forward to continuing our work with you. Questions about this notice can be sent to [TribalConsultation@ed.gov](mailto:TribalConsultation@ed.gov).