

U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of Education Listening Session

EXTERNAL AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 12:00-2:00pm -and- Thursday, April 30, 2020 | 12:00-2:00pm
Virtual Listening Session | Web & Phone Based

12:00 P.M.– 12:15 P.M.	<p>OPENING AND WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ron Lessard (Mohawk), Acting Executive Director, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education. ➤ Tony Dearman (Cherokee), Director, Bureau of Indian Education. ➤ Ruth Ryder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education.
12:15 P.M.–12:25 P.M.	<p>OVERVIEW & TOPICS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The needs of BIE-funded schools and their students as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. 2. The types of current physical and mental health needs of students at BIE-funded schools due to the COVID-19 crisis. 3. The best possibilities for prioritizing CARES Act funding that ED will provide to BIE, such as: internet connectivity for students, teachers, and schools; support for distance learning activities; the purchase of educational technology for students and teachers, including technology to support accessibility for children with disabilities; and/or teacher/school leader salaries. 4. The allocation of the ED CARES Act funds, i.e., distribution only to K-12 BIE-funded schools, vs. distribution to Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) as well as the K-12 BIE-funded schools. Note that TCUs have a specific set-aside of \$20 million from the Interior appropriation of the CARES Act.
12:25 P.M.–1:50 P.M.	<p>LISTENING SESSION</p>
1:50 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	<p>CLOSING</p>

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