



Notice of Tribal Consultation: Virtual Public Meeting

Dear Tribal Leader,

On April 26, 2021, 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

Venue: Online Meeting Platform

Date: April 26, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (ET)*

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

**consultation session times are subject to change*

REGISTRATION

Please follow the registration link below to participate in this event. To maintain online security, each attendee must register individually. Once you have completed registration, an individualized access link for the session will be sent to you with additional information. Individualized access links provide session access to one individual and cannot be transferred to or used by others.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written public comments **will only be** collected through the TribalConsultation@ed.gov email address. The comment period is now open and 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.

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