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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Associate Deputy Directors
All Education Line Officers

FROM: *fm* Keith Moore, Director
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SUBJECT: 2012 Updated Johnson-O'Malley Student Count

House Report 112-151, accompanying the Department of the Interior's (DOI's) FY 2012 appropriations act, contained the following language:

“The Committee directs the Bureau, in coordination with the Department of Education, and in consultation with the Tribes, to update its count of students eligible for the Johnson-O'Malley Program funding and to report the results to this Committee within 180 days of enactment of this Act. In addition, the Committee directs the Bureau to reestablish the full-time permanent Johnson-O'Malley coordinator position that was terminated in 2005.”

The updated count of eligible Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) students is due to the House on June 20, 2012. As you know, BIE has been discussing the 2012 updated JOM student count with Tribes during the recent Tribal Consultation sessions. Many constructive comments and suggestions were made during the consultation sessions.

All Education Line Officers (ELOs) will accept updated JOM student counts from eligible JOM contractors and providers from June 4, 2012 through June 25, 2012. ELOs are to notify all applicable Tribes, states, public school districts and previously private schools (see 25 CFR 273.2(n)) of the 2012 updated JOM student count process. Eligible JOM contractors/providers should submit their (1) name, (2) address, (3) the total number of American Indian and Alaska Native students that were eligible for JOM programs during school year (SY) 2011- 2012 and (4) a signed statement which verifies that all students identified are eligible for JOM programs or services. After review, all ELOs will forward all JOM contractor and provider names, addresses, the 2012 updated JOM student counts and the verification statements to Dr. Jim Martin, BIE Division Chief for Policy and Research, by email using the attached spreadsheet format **no later than June 27, 2012.**

It is acknowledged that some Tribes, states, public school districts and previously private schools did not participate in the 1995 JOM student count process and, therefore, did not provide a JOM

Program, during SY 2011-12. Even though a JOM program may not have been provided, the intent of the count process is to determine the total number of American Indian and Alaska Native students that were eligible to participate in a JOM program. BIE anticipates that potential new JOM contractors and providers will submit JOM student counts in 2012.

Per 25 CFR 273.12, eligible JOM students are Indian students age 3 through grade 12 enrolled in public schools, except those enrolled in Bureau or sectarian operated schools, or in previously private schools which are considered tribal organizations. Such students must be (1) a member of a Tribe or (2) at least $\frac{1}{4}$ or more degree of Indian blood and recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for BIE services.

If you have any questions concerning the JOM student count, please contact Dr. Martin, at james.martin@bie.edu.

Attachment