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Memorandum

To: All BIE School Principals

From:  Keith Moore
Director, Bureau of Indian Education



Subject: The Bureau of Indian Education Green Ribbon School Application

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Green Ribbon School application is now available on the BIE Green Ribbon School website at <http://www.bie.edu/greenribbonschools/index.htm>. The application is web-based and accessible to all BIE-funded schools to apply. Your school's application is the first step in the BIE's nomination process for recognition under the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon School program (ED-GRS). The ED-GRS award is intended to recognize those schools taking a comprehensive approach to greening their school. A comprehensive approach incorporates and integrates environmental learning by maximizing positive environmental and health impacts.

Once you submit your on-line application to the BIE, we will review it and select up to four BIE-funded schools as finalists. If BIE selects your school as one of the finalists, you may be asked to complete a second step by providing additional information to the BIE and ED.

Schools will be evaluated on their progress towards a wide variety of green benchmarks, including zero greenhouse gas emissions, food that is locally sourced and sustainable, and curriculum that ensures all students are environmentally and sustainability literate. Selection will be based on demonstrated progress within the three ED-GRS Pillars:

Pillar One: Environmental Impact and Energy Efficiency

Pillar Two: Healthy School Environments

Pillar Three: Environmental and Sustainability Education

The deadline to submit your application is 5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Friday, February 24, 2012.

All BIE-funded schools were invited by email to participate in the January 11, 2012 BIE Green Ribbon School Training. In case your school missed the training, a copy of the training presentation is available online on the BIE Green Ribbon School website identified above. Be sure to check out the other information available on the website as you complete your application.

If you have questions about this initiative or about completing the application, please email greenribbonschools@bie.edu or call Brandi Sweet, BIE Program Analyst, at (202) 208-5504.

cc: All Education Line Officers
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