



We are announcing an upcoming joint listening session with the **Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)** and the **U.S. Department of Education (ED)**, and the **White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (WHIAIANE)** to obtain oral and written comments regarding opportunities to improve educational outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth at BIE-funded schools.

The Departments seek to engage Tribes, Tribal organizations and communities, Native youth and other stakeholders on topics related to the Departments' roles in promoting student achievement and ensuring quality education opportunities for AI/AN youth from early childhood through adulthood in accordance with a Tribe's needs for cultural and economic well-being. Specifically, the Departments' are seeking input on how each Department can more effectively use its specific resources and expertise to support the educational needs of BIE-funded school AI/AN youth and Tribal communities nationwide.

Through this listening session the Departments hope to hear what are the best ways the Departments can use their resources and expertise to promote more effective school reform efforts in BIE-funded schools that serve AI/AN students, with a particular emphasis on students with disabilities and students served under Title I; and enhance the Departments' quality research, data collection, and dissemination of best practices with regard to the education of AI/AN students.

The session times, date and location are listed below along with potential questions and link to registration on the WHIAIANE website: <https://sites.ed.gov/whiaiane/>

### **Listening Session**

- Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CDT)  
National Congress of American Indians  
2018 Mid-Year Conference & Marketplace  
Marriott Kansas City Downtown  
Room: Julia Lee A/B  
200 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64105

As we conduct these listening sessions, we invite you to provide input and feedback in writing. The comment deadline is **June 30, 2018**.

Please provide your comments and recommendations as indicated below:

**By E-Mail:** [ListeningSession@ed.gov](mailto:ListeningSession@ed.gov) Subject line: BIE/ED Listening Session

We anticipate an upcoming virtual Listening Session later in June, please look for additional information on the WHIAIANE website for dates and teleconference login. We look forward to your views and comments.