

# Shutdown Message

BIE Director

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To: All\_IE <All\_IE@BIE.EDU>;

Dear BIE Employees,

I want to provide an update on the government shutdown and how that will affect BIE schools. **Schools will open this week and next week, as scheduled.** School activities will proceed as planned, but there may be a delay in response from BIE offices since some staff have been furloughed. Please note, that unlike BIE, a majority of employees in offices within DAS-M and BIA have been furloughed.

Funding for all BIE K-12 school programs are forward funded. Bureau of Indian Education funds are appropriated in the prior year. Therefore, the 2018-2019 K-12 School Year was funded in the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation bill and funding is available to support continued instructional and related educational services in FY 2019. The Department of Education has provided funds for the period July 1, 2018, through September 30, 2020. These and BIE funds will be used to maintain operations of education programs during a lapse of appropriations. Haskell and SIPI are also forward funded and funds were available July 1, 2018.

Staff that are funded by appropriations are not impacted by a government shutdown.

Please direct any specific questions to your ADD for additional information or guidance.

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