

**BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION
CONTINGENCY PLAN Q & A DOCUMENT
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We continue to hope that Congress will reach an agreement to avoid a government shutdown, but we are working to prepare for all possible scenarios.

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is entrusted to provide quality education opportunities from early childhood through life in accordance with a tribe's needs for cultural and economic well-being, in keeping with the wide diversity of Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages as distinct cultural and governmental entities. The BIE takes into account the spiritual, mental, physical, and cultural aspects of the individual within his or her family and tribal or village context.

Will the Bureau of Indian Education still provide service to American Indian and Alaska Native students?

Yes, all BIE-funded schools and the two federally operated tribal colleges – Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute and Haskell Indian Nations University – will remain open. Staff will be retained to ensure a safe and secure environment for students.

Will the BIE continue to provide services such as facilities, safety, and technical assistance to its schools?

Yes, the BIE will provide resources and capabilities to support school operations, facilities and communication infrastructure.

Will BIE still provide services to remote locations and schools?

Yes, services will be provided to remote locations and schools.

Will the American Indian Education Study Group meet and continue with scheduled public outreach?

Yes, the Study Group will continue to engage all stakeholders by attending National American Indian forums and utilizing various technologies.

Is there anyone I can contact if I have questions?

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