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To: Superintendents, Indian Education Directors, and Charter School Administrators

From: Latifah Phillips 
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Subject: NEW MEXICO INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
CULTURAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE

The PED-Indian Education Division is issuing a Request for Application (RFA) for potential funding made available to the New Mexico public school districts, namely the twenty-three (23) school districts, and/or district-chartered or state-chartered schools who enroll a significant number of American Indian students for the purpose of improving academic and cultural achievement opportunities related to one of the following Indian Education Act purposes:

1. Ensure equitable and culturally relevant learning environments, educational opportunities, and culturally-relevant instructional material.
2. Ensure maintenance of native language.
3. Provide for the study, development and implementation of education systems that positively affect the educational success of American Indian students.
4. Encourage parental involvement.
5. Ensure that parents, tribal departments of education, community-based organizations, the Department of Education, universities, and tribal, state, and local policy makers work together to find ways to improve educational opportunities for American Indian students.
6. Developing collaborative partnerships with school districts, Bureau of Indian Education, urban American Indian organizations, and tribal governments.

The RFA is provided as an attachment to this memo and will be posted on the PED website at www.ped.state.nm.us. If you should have any questions, you may contact De Alva Calabaza at (505) 827-6679 or email at dealva.calabaza@state.nm.us.

Attachment