DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Bureau of Indian Education School Reopening Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is seeking stakeholder input on its plans to rely upon the latest U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance regarding reopening its K–12 schools, residential facilities, and post-secondary schools for safe delivery of in-person and hybrid instruction and determine if BIE schools should include additional guidelines.

DATES: Public meetings addressing K–12 and residential facilities will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on May 10, 2021. Public meetings addressing post-secondary institutions will be held 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET on May 11, 2021. Written comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET, May 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please register in advance for each session using the links listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice. Written comments may be emailed to comments@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer, Chief Academic Officer, Bureau of Indian Education; telephone: (505) 563–3020, fax: (505) 563–3043 or email Tamarah.Pfeiffer@bie.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BIE is working on reopening schools for safe delivery of in-person and hybrid instruction based on the latest guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide input regarding additional needs and resources to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students at BIE schools. Among the items BIE is specifically considering as it undertakes reopening schools are:

• What is needed to ensure student safety when using commercial transportation services before students travel to a residential facility and when they travel home?
• Would you recommend that students be vaccinated before arriving on campus if vaccinations are available?
• What are your recommendations to serve students that plan to attend residential facilities and post-secondary institutions from communities with high rates of COVID–19?
• Are there any recommendations for grades K–12 and residential facilities not already addressed by ED and CDC reopening guidance that requires additional clarification or guidance by BIE?

BIE-operated schools include three categories, each of which BIE will plan for separately:

1. Schools serving grades K–12;
2. BIE residential facilities; and
3. Post-secondary institutions (specifically, Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)).

The intended purpose of this stakeholder engagement is to ensure that BIE is meeting the needs of its students, schools, and Tribal communities during the COVID–19 Pandemic recovery. BIE has invited Tribes to Tribal consultation sessions by letter.

Public webinar sessions are scheduled for:

K–12 and Residential Facilities

May 10, 2021
4 p.m.—5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)
Please register in advance for this meeting at: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJfHugoqzguH3fGaQpGc26Nbu4mFiy4JlQ

Post-Secondary Institutions

May 11, 2021
4 p.m.—5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)
Please register in advance for this meeting at: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJfICiCOtpzvgyHT5Zml obligationA8n7l3r9y9gEhw

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session. Each day of public sessions will be preceded by a Tribal consultation session from 3 p.m.—4 p.m. ET. Tribes have been invited by letter to the Tribal consultation sessions.

Bryan Newland,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; DOI Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Jeffrey Parrillo, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1090–0011 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jeffrey Parrillo, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

On November 20, 2020, we published in the Federal Register (85 FR 74374) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. We received no comments to that notice.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback, we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Requests under this generic clearance will be submitted to OMB via Form DI-4011, “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.”

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Title of Collection: DOI Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.


Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/households; businesses; and, State, local, and Tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 95,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 95,000.

Estimated Average Completion Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 15,833.


An agency may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

Jeffrey Parrillo, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; DOI Programmatic Clearance for Customer Satisfaction Surveys

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