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USET Resolution No. 2014:043

REQUEST TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION REGARDING COMMUNICATION AND ADDRESSING OF ISSUES IN BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS

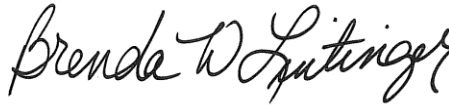
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is the appointed agency to provide federal funding, support, and assistance to BIE schools; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIE Line Officers have the responsibility to address issues presented by BIE school administrators and school boards; and
- WHEREAS,** representative from BIE School within the USET Region met with Donna Eaglestaff-Jetty, BIE Line Officer on February 5, 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** during this meeting, the board members requested follow-up information regarding adequate yearly progress (AYP), waivers, the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between BIE and the U.S. Department of Education, verification of the validity of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAPS) assessment, payment source for MAPS assessments, exemplary programs from BIE, Nashville office relocation, request for BIE personnel at the next USET Indian School Board meeting and request for an update regarding the BIE member schools AYP committee; and
- WHEREAS,** none of these issues have been addressed; and
- WHEREAS,** there was no BIE representative present at the USET 2013 Annual Meeting, held on October 28, 2013, or at the 2014 Impact Week Meeting, held on February 3, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests Bureau of Indian Education officials to respond to the issues noted above within 30 days.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 6, 2014.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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“Because there is strength in Unity”
