

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-262

REQUEST THAT THE BIA FUNDING UNDER ISEP SPECIAL EDUCATION ADD-ON AND DOE 94-142 AND 99-457 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS BE COMBINED AT THE BUREAU LEVEL AND ADMINISTERED AS A SINGLE FUND AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the BIA funding under ISEP special education add-on and DOE 94-142 and 99-457 Special Education programs are so related as to be inseparable, and the requirement that all ISEP special education funding be fully expended before any DOE funding is granted in effect makes ISEP special education funding "seed money" for the DOE funding; and

WHEREAS, the mechanics of funding processes creates serious problems in matching the ISEP "seed money" to the DOE additional funding. The DOE funding application must be submitted before the amount of BIA ISEP special education funding is known; and

WHEREAS, the process used now results in unintended shortages or overages in funding, which causes significant waste in special education resources, due to the return of millions of dollars of unused DOE funding; and

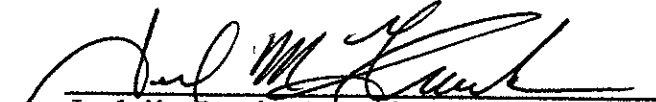
WHEREAS, this funding could be better controlled if combined into a single account for local administrative purposes and managed as such by the BIA; the basic requirement of 100 percent consumption of ISEP resources first could be more effectively managed and inefficiencies created by conflicting mechanisms thereby eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the single account would make available to tribes the millions lost each year due to separation of the BIA and DOE accounts; moreover, it would shift the risk of local shortages, due to to under-funded ISEP special education add-on, to the BIA from the tribal level,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board meet with the BIA Office of Indian Education Programs and insist that these closely related accounts be combined at the Bureau level and administered as a single fund at the school level, and that the details of such administrative action be structured to allow for the full use of DOE special education funding.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Houston, Texas; November 15, 1989.



Joel M. Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.