Dear USET SPF Board of Directors and DC Tribal Reps,

The deadline for reporting your Johnson-O’Malley (JOM) student count has been extended to this FRIDAY, January 24th. Federal law requires that JOM funding recipient Tribal Nations submit their student counts or risk loss of funding. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) reported at the Department of Interior Self-governance Advisory Committee meeting this week that only 48% of self-governance Tribal Nations have submitted student counts and that a “significant number” of Tribal Nations in the Eastern Region have not yet submitted. Tribal Nations who are not currently JOM recipients are also encouraged to report, as this will inform BIE efforts to calculate the unmet federal obligation in this area.

In accordance with the Johnson-O’Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act P.L. 115-404 (JOM) that was signed by the President on December 31, 2018, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is mandated to report to Congress a current student count of eligible Native American and Alaskan Native students who received JOM services for the 2018-19 school year. As mandated by P.L. 115-404, all JOM contractors are required to submit an annual student count to the BIE. BIE is in the process of holding Tribal Consultations (dates TBD) and the student count will be a topic during consultation. As mandated by the new Law, a Preliminary Report will be submitted to Congress and the student count will be a component of this report. **BIE is asking you to please utilize the approved form (Johnson O’Malley Program Contact Information and Number of Eligible Indian Students Served) that is provided to report and submit your 2018-19 student count.**

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