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Dear Tribal Leader:

The federal inter-agency Education Committee of the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA) is releasing a draft 10-year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization (National Plan)—and your input is needed. In September, the Education Committee will host a number of events to gather input from Tribal leaders and other Tribal experts about:

- How can the federal government work with Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, Tribal and non-profit organizations, states, schools, higher education institutions, and the private sector to raise national awareness about the importance of Native languages for Tribes and the country?
- What can the federal government do to create national awareness of the current crisis of Native language loss and establish a sense of urgency for immediate national action?
- How important to a National Plan is a formal policy recognition of the historic role that the federal government played in Native language erasure?
 - What should the content and nature of a formal policy recognition be?
 - How could a formal policy recognition help secure federal resources and support for Native language revitalization?
- How could the National Plan support the *integration* of Native language revitalization into mainstream society, e.g., school curriculum, immersive learning, early and adult education, federal and state policies, signage, etc.?
- How could the National Plan stimulate and facilitate access to financial support for Native language revitalization (including federal, state, and philanthropic funding)?

The National Plan will establish a long-term, all-of-government strategy that works with Tribal Nations and, as appropriate, nonprofit organizations, subject matter experts, and other entities for the revitalization, protection, preservation, and reclamation of Native languages. [Attached for your review and comment](#) is a summary of research that may inform the development of the National Plan.

Dates and registration information:

FOR:	DATES:	LOCATION and TIME:	TO JOIN WEBINAR:
Tribal Governments	Monday, September 18	Virtual 3–5 p.m. ET	<a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsfu-
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Tribal Governments	Wednesday, September 20	Virtual 1–3 p.m. ET	<a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdumupzIoH-
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Tribal Governments	Tuesday, September 26	Virtual 3–5 p.m. ET	<a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsd-
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Tribal Governments	Thursday, September 28	Virtual 2–4 p.m. ET	https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/ vJItfuiqDwuG5qtq9UKQ_slzY7lpcR4fa4

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the meeting. If you want to provide written input, please email your comments to NativeLanguage@kauffmaninc.com no later than September 29, 11:59 p.m. ET.

If you have any questions regarding the tribal consultation, contact the WHCNAA via whcnaa@bia.gov.

Sincerely,



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