Mississippi Band of Choctaw
Havasupai
What is New?

- SIE – 6 tribes awarded
- TCU Bridge – Finalizing funds dispersion
- BIE Language Policy – Developing with tribes and schools
- Native Language Summit – Fluency, Relevance and Sustainability
- JOM – New Coordinator, Accepting submissions through December
- Induction program for teachers & principals
BIE Reorganization

- BIE has established an Acquisitions and a Human Resources office utilizing existing resources to address major business concerns based on recommendations from the American Indian Study Group.

- Currently BIE is working with DOI and ASIA offices to transition to the full School Operations Division described in Secretarial Order 3334.
The transition effort involves working in small groups to operationalize each business line.

- Education Teacher and Principal Recruitment
- Education Acquisitions and Grants
- Education Information Technology
- Education Communications
- Education Facilities
The Study Group drafted a framework for reform based on listening sessions with tribal leaders, Indian educators and others throughout Indian Country.

The topics focused on how to facilitate tribal sovereignty in American Indian education and how to improve educational outcomes for students at BIE-funded schools. The recommendations by the study group were organized into a 5 pillar framework to transform BIE to become a champion of quality educational opportunities for all Native American children. The report was released on June 13, 2014.
Information Rollout

- Schedule meetings within next month
- Meet with all Line Offices that are closing
- Meet with all tribes impacted by Line Office closing
- Why decisions were made, what is new expectation, **how does this improve educational outcomes**
Many different definitions
Can’t shy away from this pivotal decision
BIE’s role is to facilitate not dictate
Shared accountability and responsibility
Standards, Assessments V. Curriculum, Instruction
Native Language

- $24 M for Native language
- Early Childhood – increase funds for programs – immersion or bilingual or heritage
- Fluency
- Relevance
- Sustainability
FY 15, 16 and Beyond

- Aligned to Blue Print for Reform
  - Education Adequacy
    - School Construction
    - Technology
    - ISEP
  - Self Determination
    - Tribally Managed School Systems
    - TEDs
    - JOM
    - Scholarships
  - New organization to meet new direction
    - School Improvement
    - Tribal AND BIE operated