

**HOPi SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
**TRANSITION FACT SHEET & UPDATE #8**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2023**  
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- **APPEAL OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION'S DENIAL OF THE HOPi SCHOOL SYSTEM'S P.L. 100-297 GRANT APPLICATION.** On December 18, 2023, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) issued its decision on the Hopi Board of Education's (HBE) appeal of the BIE's June 5, 2023 denial of the Hopi School System's (HSS) P.L. 100-297 grant application. In its December 18 decision, the BIE largely agreed with the HBE that the June 5, 2023 denial was made in error and vacated (which means to "cancel" or "rescind") the June 5, 2023 denial. The BIE then remanded (which means to "send back") the HSS application to the BIE official who originally issued the June 5, 2023 denial to answer three questions regarding the application.
- **NEXT STEPS ON THE P.L. 100-297 GRANT APPLICATION APPEAL.** The HBE has the option to appeal the BIE's December 18, 2023 decision on the appeal. HBE must make such determination within 30 days of the December 18, 2023 decision.
- **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE.** By Action Item #18-2022, the HBE authorized creation of a "Curriculum Committee" to review and select a unified curriculum across all Hopi pre-schools, elementary schools and the Hopi Junior Senior High School. The Committee will work to ensure curriculum alignment and mapping standards are included, select assessments, and conduct in-depth strategic planning for implementation. The Committee will also assess and make use of the curriculum data and assessment information collected by the Transition Team's Educational Services Strategic Planning Team.

*HBE is seeking volunteers, one from each Hopi school, to serve on the Curriculum Committee. The Committee will meet at least once a month and will determine its own schedule. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please discuss this with your school principal and request your principal nominate you, or you may provide your name and credentials directly to Dr. Rea Goklish at [rgoklish@hopischoolsystem.org](mailto:rgoklish@hopischoolsystem.org), by **January 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m.***

- **HBE CANDIDATES' BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE COMPLETED.** Three candidates have applied to offer their expertise and leadership on the HBE. The Hopi Tribe's Human Resources Office has completed the background checks, and all three candidates passed their background check! On December 11, 2023, the three candidates were provided to the Transition Team who is required to determine whether to nominate them to the Hopi Tribal Council for appointment on the HBE.
- **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE MODULARS.** BIE awarded the HSS three new modular buildings for the Central Administration Office. The modulars have been delivered, and BIE is making good progress to complete their installation. On September 26, 2023, the BIE informed HBE that the installation should be complete and the occupation permit should be issued in January 2024 for all three modulars.
- **UPCOMING HBE TOWN HALLS & UPDATES.** Early next year, the HBE plans to host town halls in the villages, communities and/or schools to provide up-to-date information on the transition. *Please stay tuned to the HSS website and Facebook page for announcements of upcoming dates and locations!*

*If you have questions on any of these updates, please contact HBE through the HSS website above.  
Askwali and Kwakwa!*