

HOPI SCHOOL SYSTEM
TRANSITION FACT SHEET & UPDATE #2
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- **TRANSITION ON TRACK.** We continue to be on track to meet the July 1, 2023 deadline to transition to the unified Hopi School System (HSS), with the Hopi Board of Education (HBE) serving as the school board for all Hopi schools. Included in Fact Sheet & Update #1 (Oct. 2022), a “Two-Year Transition Plan” will be followed to allow for a smooth transition. The P.L. 100-297 Grant Application and applicable policies and procedures, which are based on existing Hopi school policies, are nearly complete.
- **CURRENT STAFF MAINTAIN THEIR JOBS FOR 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**
 - Current local school boards will issue ALL STAFF CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR. As previously shared at Town Halls and other staff meetings, when HBE becomes the school board, these contracts will be transferred to the HBE. HBE will honor ALL existing contracts and will NOT dismiss or let go any staff for the 2023/24 school year (unless, of course, a staff member violates his/her contract). HBE’s goal is the retention of our dedicated and qualified staff.
 - Current schools’ administrative staff are highly respected and will remain in their current positions for the ENTIRETY of 2023/24 school year. Under the Two-Year Transition Plan, the HSS will need schools’ current administrative staff to remain in their positions for the 2023/2024 school year.
- **INFINITE VISIONS FINANCIAL/HR SOFTWARE.** The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) has approved the full start-up cost (\$103,360) to pay for the “School ERP Pro Infinite Visions” financial and human resource software (currently used by the HJSHS and 92% of all AZ public schools). This funding will cover all staff training and installation costs and will take place mid to late 2023.
- **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE MODULARS.** BIE has been conducting visits to the site for the Central Administration Office modulars at the HJSHS throughout the fall 2022 and will continue to do so until the modulars are complete. BIE has informed HBE that the modulars are in construction right now. Primary site preparation and utilities construction will begin in the spring 2023 and will be completed by April 2023. Modulars will be delivered and be ready for occupancy in early May 2023.
- **NEW UNIFORM CURRICULUM FOR 2024/25 SY.** The HSS curriculum will be determined mid to late 2023 and will include the hiring of a Curriculum and Instruction Specialist and consultation with staff and stakeholders. Once the curriculum is determined, staff will receive training in the spring and summer 2024. New uniform curriculum across all Hopi schools will begin with the 2024/2025 school year.
- **NO SCHOOL CLOSURES.** No Hopi school will close as a result of the transition to the HSS.
- **ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES.** The HBE has gathered significant input and data from all Hopi schools on how the attendance area policy may impact their students and is continuing to examine and get stakeholder input to ensure impacts are minimal and stakeholder concerns are being addressed.
- **MEETINGS.** HBE continues to meet with local school boards, parent action committees, and other education stakeholders to answer questions and provide updates on the transition to the unified HSS.