



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Dear Project Director,

The purposes of the new APR are to help grantees evaluate their own progress in meeting their objectives, and to help ED analyze and identify promising practices based on the data, with the goal of helping school districts improve outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native students. The new data collection should help ED to be able to correlate certain types of services with positive outcomes such as increased attendance or higher graduation rates. OIE staff will also examine the APRs during monitoring of individual districts to aid in OIE's oversight obligations.

Although the first report using the new form would not be due until after the close of school year 2014-15, grantees need to start now to collect the data needed, because it will include data on student participation in Title VII-funded programs throughout the year. Once the form is finalized following OMB and public review, we will be providing guidance documents such as "APR Getting Started" and "APR FAQs" that will contain in-depth information on how you will report data in the APR.

We expect the APR to consist of:

- Participation data: You will provide information on the target population for each activity (e.g. whether they are students, parents, teachers or other), and the total number of participants served in each category during the grant year.
- Project Performance Data: You would indicate whether you met each objective during the reporting period, and if the objective was not met, explain why not and any steps for improvement.
- Student Performance Data: In the past, grantees reported State reading and math assessment data, as well as attendance and graduation rate data, in the annual EASIE application. Some data will be prepopulated in the new APR if it's reported in EdFacts.
- Expenditures: You will provide an explanation for any unexpended funds that exceed 10% of the total grant award.

We will provide a link to the APR document that is published for public comment once it is available. If you would like more information about performance reporting requirements generally, see the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 CFR §75.590 and 80.40 found at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html>. For any questions about the annual performance report, please contact the Office of Indian Education program staff at (202) 260-3774.

Sincerely,

/s/

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