

White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

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of Education

STAKEHOLDER CALL TOPIC: SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT LISTENING SESSIONS FINAL REPORT

On October 15, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (WHIAIANE) released a school environment report called the [School Environment Listening Sessions Final Report](#). The report was released and announced by William Mendoza, Executive Director of WHIAIANE at the National Indian Education Association's Convention in Portland, Oregon.

As part of the school environment listening sessions WHIAIANE heard from Native youth, schools and communities on ways to better meet the unique educational and culturally-related academic needs of Native American students.

Throughout the sessions, WHIAIANE collected information about the challenges related to school environment including bullying, student discipline, potentially harmful Native American imagery and symbolism, and the implications of all of these school environment issues.

The School Environment Listening Sessions Final Report is a summary of the findings from the October and November 2014 listening sessions. It identifies common issues and suggests recommendations to address the concerns shared by teachers, parents, community members, and students.

Please join us for a brief conference call about the contents of this report. The Department of Education [press release](#) is available on the ed.gov website. The School Environment Listening Sessions Final Report on the [WHIAIANE website](#) under the Native Youth Environment Initiative tab.

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