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BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION
Washington, D.C. 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable E. Paul Torres
Governor
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta, New Mexico

Dear Governor Torres:

On behalf of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), I am pleased to inform you that your request to convert the Isleta Elementary School (School) from a BIE operated school to a Tribally Controlled Grant School under the provisions of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act, Public Law 100-297, as amended, is approved. The effective date of the School's conversion is July 1, 2015.

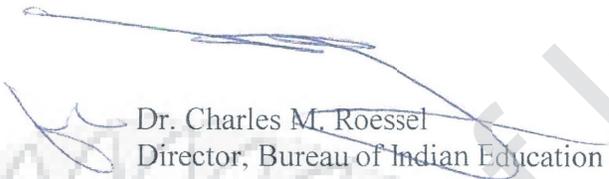
Following our review of the Public Law 100-297 Part A application and the Pueblo of Isleta Resolution No. 2014-058, authorizing the conversion, the BIE deems your application to be complete and acceptable. In addition, it is our understanding that: (1) the School Board will serve as the Grantee and (2) the Bureau of Indian Affairs will retain ownership of all school facilities and quarters.

The conversion of the School to a tribally controlled school will require the displacement of current federal employees, and it will be critically important that all necessary documents are submitted to the BIE on or before February 28, 2015. The BIE will need a minimum of 90 days to displace employees and we encourage you, the Pueblo of Isleta, and the Grantee to consider retaining the current workforce in accordance with article 33, section 2 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Federation of Indian Service Employees and the Department of the Interior.

Rest assured that my staff will work with the Pueblo of Isleta to support the Tribe's desire to convert the School from a BIE operated school to a tribally controlled school to serve your children. We wish you, the school board and the Tribe much success.

Mr. Casey Sovo, Education Line Officer for the New Mexico South Education Line Office, is available to provide technical assistance to you. You can contact him by telephone at ~~(505) 778-2000~~ or by email at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~. In addition, Mr. David Talayumptewa, BIE Grants Liaison, is available to assist you to ensure all required systems and documents are developed and submitted prior to the implementation of the grant. Mr. Talayumptewa can be reached at ~~(505) 778-2000~~.

Sincerely,


Dr. Charles M. Roessel
Director, Bureau of Indian Education

cc: Pueblo of Isleta Elementary School Board
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