

## **Update on the Pueblo of Isleta's Tribally Controlled Grant School**

Hello and Happy New Year from the Isleta Elementary School Transition Team! Just as a quick update, on September 24, 2014, the Director of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) has approved the Pueblo of Isleta's Application to convert the School to a Tribally Controlled Grant School. Furthermore, December 19, 2014, the second and final part of the application (substantial documentation of the Pueblo of Isleta's capacity to manage and operate the School) was submitted to the New Mexico South Education Line Office. This successfully completes Phases I & II of the transfer process. So now, Phase III is next.

Phase III includes the hiring of the key personnel (e.g., the Governing Board, the Education Program Administrator, a school Principal—see Position Descriptions below—and various Administrative Support staff. Also, Phase III will include developing a strategic plan and Governing Board Policies & Procedures.

In order to further build on the culture/climate, academics and needs of the current Isleta Elementary School, we will be having another community meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This meeting will take place at the Rec Center Game Room. Everyone is welcome and strongly encouraged to attend and provide your input. Members of the Transition Team will be present for comments and to answer questions. Ms. Debbie Lente-Jojola and Mr. Albert Cherino, Jr, of Febasa Consulting will be facilitating the meeting. We hope to see you there.