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Governor E. Paul Torres
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Dear Honorable Governor Torres,

On August 29, 2014, the Bureau of Indian Education, New Mexico South Education Line Office received the Pueblo of Isleta's conversion application dated August 27, 2014. The application contained a cover letter; an official copy of the Pueblo of Isleta Resolution No. 2014-058, and a grant school application.

According to Public Law 100-297, Section 5206 (b)(1)(A), the Pueblo of Isleta submitted the required pieces for a grant school application on August 29, 2014. This submission began the official process for the review of the conversion request for Isleta Elementary School and will start the 120-day countdown towards acceptance and approval by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The submitted materials will be reviewed for completeness in the following areas: description of the academic standards, program plan, policies and procedures for procurement and accountability for equipment, financial accounting and personnel systems. Additionally, the submitted materials will be reviewed for a thorough demonstration of substantive knowledge of the requirements for operating a school like maintaining accreditation, employing appropriately licensed and adequately trained staff, and other information required to illustrate adherence to the academic and administrative requirements of operating a school.

Public Law 100-297, Section 5206 (e) Effective Date for Approved Applications states:

Except as provided by subsection (c)(2)(E), a grant provided under this part, and any transfer of the operation of a Bureau school made under subsection (b), shall become effective beginning with the academic year succeeding the fiscal year in which the application for the grant or transfer is made, or at an earlier date determined by the Secretary.

According to this citation and the receipt of the Pueblo of Isleta's conversion application on August 29, 2014, the earliest possible transfer, unless otherwise determined by the Secretary, will be July 1, 2015.

The New Mexico South Education Line Office remains available for technical assistance and guidance during the review period for the Pueblo of Isleta's application. If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at ~~505.553.3333~~ or by e-mail at ~~CSOVO@BIE.NMGOV.GOV~~

Respectfully,



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