

Mandaree Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to inform you about an important update regarding your child's education. On January 23, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) that may change how families use federal funding for education. This order could allow students in Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools to attend private, faith-based, or public charter schools with federal funds.

The Secretary of the Interior is reviewing how this change could be implemented and will submit a plan within 90 days. To gather input, the BIE hosts online meetings where parents, tribal leaders, and school staff can express their thoughts. We will have these meetings available at Mandaree School for public comment from parents with the Bureau of Indian Education.

- **Friday, March 14, 2025** (2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time) https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/g4way6hSSiaRUcwNASJ_JA

We encourage you to attend and share your thoughts on how this could impact your child's education, the funding for our school district, the programs the district invests in, and the loss of our children's cultural identity. You can also send written comments by March 21, 2025 to consultationcomments@bie.edu or mail them to Ms. Juanita Mendoza, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3609, Washington, DC 20240.

Thank you for staying involved in your child's education.

Respectfully,

Hector Salvador Serna, Ed. D(c), CMAA

Superintendent/HS Principal Mandaree School District #36