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Dear Tribal Leader,

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a long-awaited overhaul of federal education law. Passed with bipartisan support, ESSA represents a shift from broad federal oversight of primary and secondary education to greater flexibility and decision making at the state and local levels. The law replaces the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act.

Washington is committed to involving Tribal stakeholders as we explore new ways to ensure that all our students receive the education they need for bright futures.

ESSA requires that states develop plans that address standards, assessments, school and district accountability, and special help for struggling schools.

The attached flyer invites Tribes to two (2) Tribal Consultations on Washington's ESSA Consolidated Plan. The intention of the consultation is to gather input that informs OSPI on the State's implementation of ESSA. For the consultations OSPI will follow the US Department of Education's Tribal Consultation process. The comment process on ESSA will accept Tribal leader comments first and all other comments will follow.

The two (2) Tribal Consultations will occur at:

- **12 Tribes Resort & Casino, Omak, WA—Monday, July 25, 2:30-5:30 PM**
- **OSPI, Olympia, WA—Friday, August 12, 1:30-4:30 PM**

I welcome your Tribal community's input in building the next era of the State's education plan under ESSA. If you are interested in learning more about the work in progress, please visit: www.k12.wa.us/essa. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for additional information or with any questions: (360) 725-6160

Sincerely,

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