



# *Muscogee (CREEK) Nation*

*Executive Office*

Dear Educators:

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation in conjunction with the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Oklahoma State Department of Education will host an informational workshop for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 1pm - 5pm at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, Oklahoma.


This workshop will provide a platform for representatives of tribal nations, local education agencies (LEAs), Oklahoma State Department of Education, U.S. Department of Education, National Indian Education Association, Bureau of Indian Education and other stakeholders to collaborate, ask questions, and develop strategies to address ESSA requirements and the upcoming consultation process in Oklahoma. More than 130,000 American Indian students are in our Oklahoma public schools – the highest number in the country. It is our obligation and commitment to advance and strengthen educational opportunities for our students that will lead to social and academic success.

Signed into law in December 2015, ESSA replaces the previous federal education policy known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), as the law governing K-12 education in the United States. ESSA focuses on the distinct goal of fully preparing all students for success in college and careers. Additionally, ESSA includes provisions that support Native students, communities, and Indian tribes through changes to NCLB, including requiring state and local education agencies to engage in timely and meaningful consultation with tribes. Throughout the country, states are holding public meetings about ESSA to strengthen the collaboration of educational leaders and gather input on how to continuously refine and improve education systems.

We hope you can join us as we learn more about ESSA and unite to provide opportunities for tribal leaders and LEAs to work together on behalf of American Indian and Alaska Native students. This workshop will allow attendees to engage with presenters, share their priorities, expectations, and concerns and meaningfully and substantively participate in fostering the collaboration that is a critical part of improving academic outcomes for Native students.

Thank you for your commitment to education and we look forward to seeing you at River Spirit.

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James R. Floyd  
Principal Chief



**EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)  
 TRIBAL NATIONS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP  
 River Spirit Resort Casino-Grand Ballroom  
 8330 Riverside Parkway  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 1 pm to 5 pm**

**AGENDA**

- 1 pm**.....Invocation.....Chumona Deere
- Welcome.....James R. Floyd, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Opening Remarks.....Gregory Anderson  
Secretary of Education, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- 1:15**.....Guest Speaker.....Joy Hofmeister  
Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 1:30**.....ESSA Overview.....Monique Chism  
Acting Asst. Secretary of Education-U.S. Dept. of Education  
Bernard Garcia  
Acting Director, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Dept. of Education
- 2:15 -2:30 - Break**
- 2:30**.....ESSA-NIEA Presentation.....Ahiwake Rose  
Executive Director, NIEA, Washington, DC
- 3:45**.....Bureau of Indian Education.....Clint Bowers  
Office of the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Washington, DC
- 4:05**.....Impact Aid.....Kevin Duncan  
President, National Council of Impacted Schools  
Jay McAdams  
President, Oklahoma Association Serving Impacted Schools
- 4:25**.....Johnson O’Malley.....Jackie White  
Union Public Schools
- 4:45**.....Consultation Review/Update.....Dwight Pickering  
Oklahoma State Department of Education
- 5:00**.....Closing Remarks.....Gregory Anderson

**(Presentation times are subject to adjustment)  
 River Spirit Reservation Telephone Number: 1-888-748-3731  
 Block Code: Inter-Tribal  
 Last day to reserve with this code: 3/24/17  
 Please RSVP by 3/31/17 for this event at: [Apfields@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:Apfields@mcn-nsn.gov) & [Granderson@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:Granderson@mcn-nsn.gov)**