

Important Survey!! Your Response is Needed!

5.6.2008

The President has once again made a recommendation to Congress that Johnson-O'Malley be eliminated the FY 2009 national budget. The National Johnson-O'Malley Association is asking for your help in identifying JOM programs on a national level. This information will assist NJOMA in working with Congress to restore the JOM funding and to develop statistic in a student count and services provided. The National Johnson O'Malley Association in conjunction with the National Indian Education Association is in the process of collecting information regarding Johnson O'Malley (JOM) programs and funding. NJOMA and NIEA are jointly requesting that all tribes and/or schools that receive JOM funds respond to this survey so that we have the information necessary when meeting with Members and key staff in Congress and the Administration to justify funding for the program in the Interior appropriations bill for FY 2009.

NJOMA and NIEA are doing all that we can to restore funding for JOM and to request an increase for FY 2009, but WE NEED YOUR HELP by providing us information about your programs. The House and Senate have begun working on the Interior appropriations bill and we anticipate movement on the bill in June so please provide us the information requested below as quickly as you can. Thanks in advance for your help on this critical matter.

Also, if you could contact your Member in the House and Representatives and your Senators to restore and increase funding for JOM, we would really appreciate it. You can locate your Member of Congress by logging on to www.house.gov and www.senate.gov. On NJOMA's website, please find a testimony provided to the House regarding the FY 09 funding.

Responses may be sent to vthomas@muscogeation-nsn.org by May 23rd, 2008.

Please provide answers to the following questions:

1. What is the name of Tribe/School/School District?
2. What is the number of students served by the Johnson O'Malley program?
3. What services are provided under the Johnson O'Malley program?
4. Do you have access to other sources of funding to provide services currently funded by JOM?
5. Did you receive JOM funds in 1995 or prior? If yes, has your student count increased, decreased, or remained the same?

Additionally, NJOMA is requesting that copies of reports that are submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on your JOM program be forwarded to NJOMA. Please include any additional information or comments about your tribal community and the Johnson O'Malley program that you may find useful in assessing the impact of funding removal. Also, please feel free to forward this message onto others who may help us gather additional information on this topic.

On behalf of the National Johnson-O'Malley Association, we thank you for taking these few moments to answer this survey. By responding by e-mail, you will be placed on the NJOMA Broadcast for future funding information

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