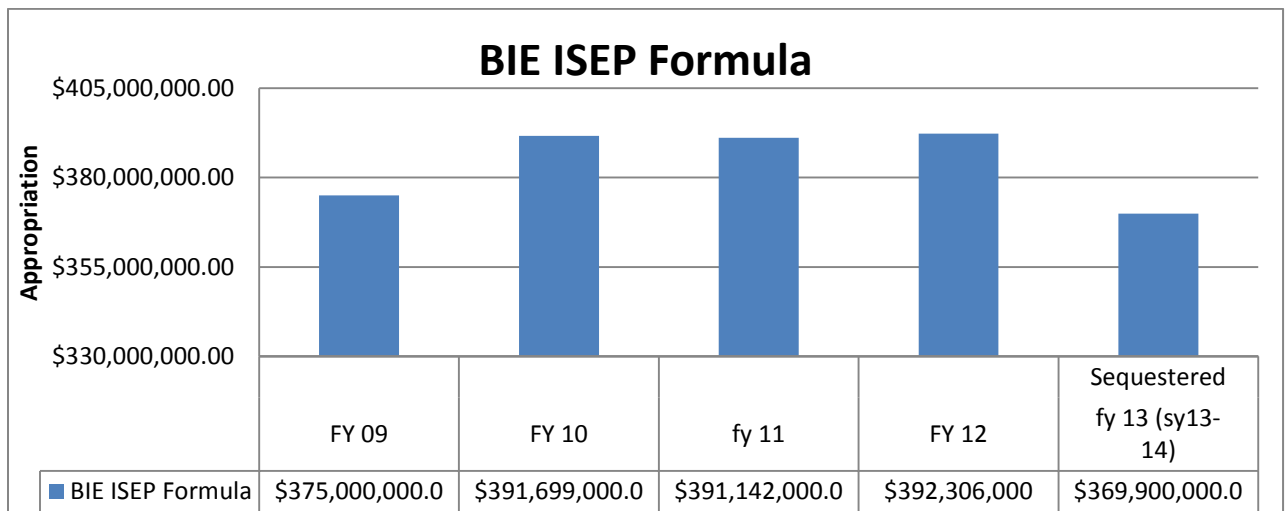


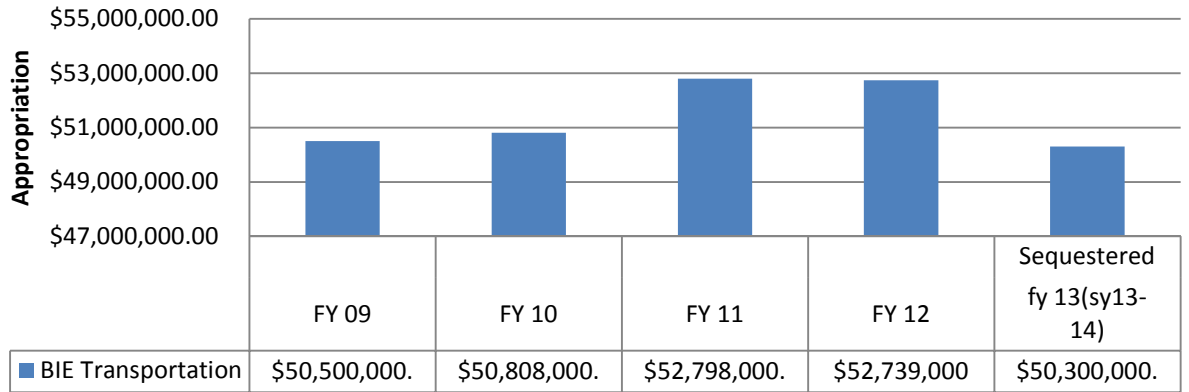
My name is Mr. Tom Miller; President of the Association of Community Tribal Schools Inc. (ACTS) and Superintendent of Hannahville Indian School located on the Potawatomi tribal lands in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

The tribal school movement started in 1966 with Rough Rock Demonstration School. Now, there are over 28,000 students in 125+ tribal elementary and secondary schools. The schools are in the states of **Maine, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Montana, California, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.** ACTS represents a significant number of the over 125+ tribally controlled elementary and secondary schools. ACTS’s mission is to “assist community tribal schools toward their mission of ensuring that when students complete their schools they are prepared for lifelong learning and that these students will strengthen and perpetuate traditional tribal societies.”

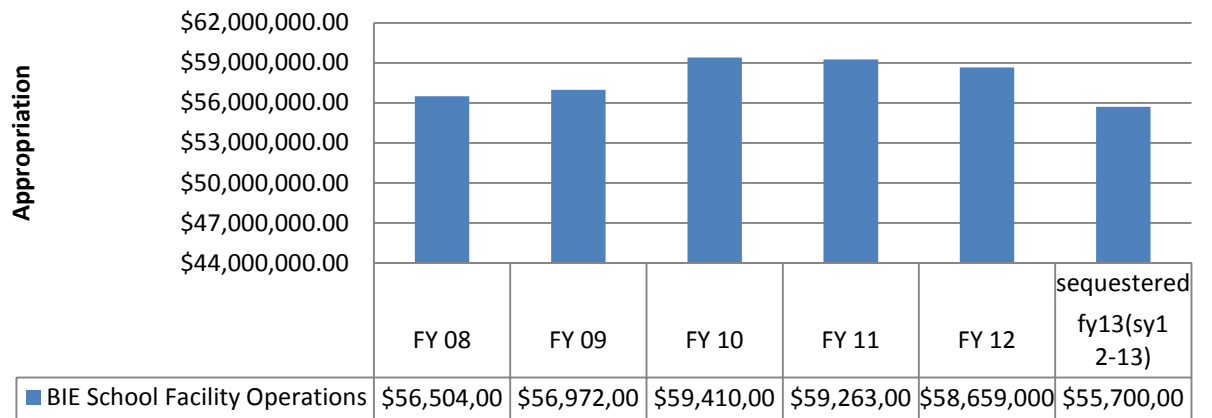
The following charts illustrate the stagnant, and in most cases diminishing revenues over the past 5 years.



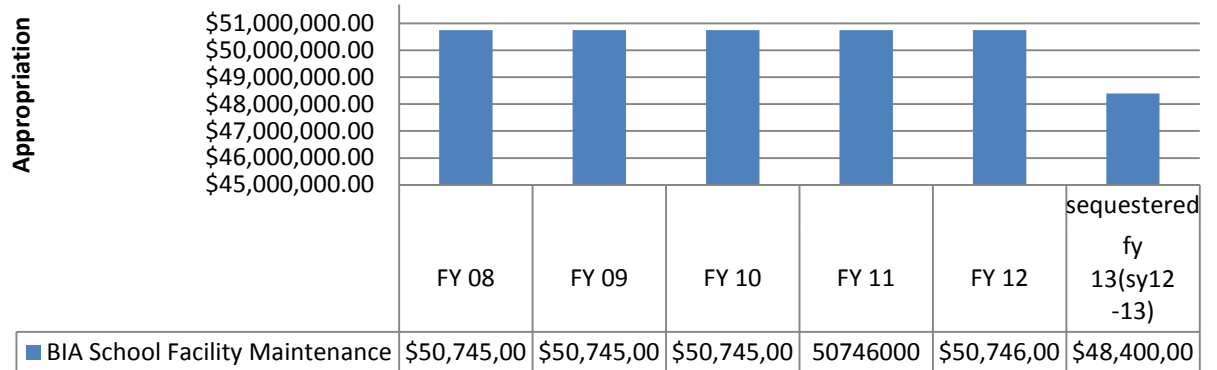
Student Transportation

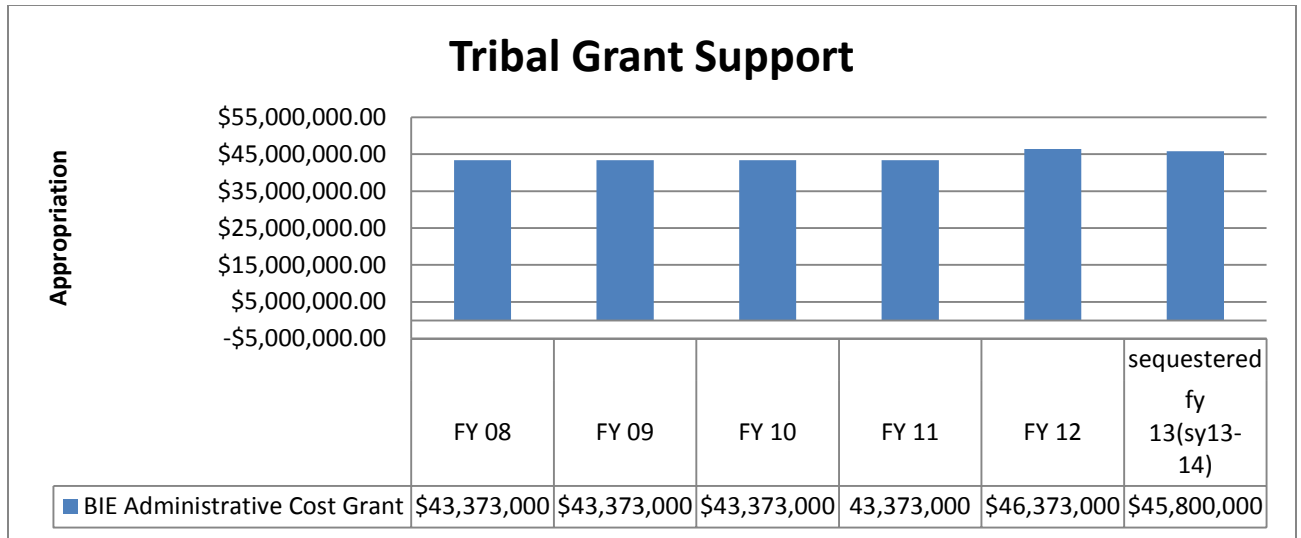


BIE School Facility Operations



BIA School Facility Maintenance





Requested Action

1. Eliminate

BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-ISEP Program Adjustments

BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Education Program Enhancements

BIE – Advancing Indian Education Initiative – Pilot Turnaround Model

(These funds are used to control schools and hamper progress, the BIE uses Program Elements to dictate what schools should do to improve and has nothing to do with school improvement; no need for another expensive unproven Pilot Program)

\$ 35,000,000

2. Increase:

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| BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Facility Maintenance | \$ 3,000,000 |
| BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Tribal Grant Support Costs | \$ 5,000,000 |
| BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Facility Operations | \$ 6,000,000 |
| BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-ISEP Formula Funds(restore) | \$ 16,000,000 |
| BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Student Transportation | \$ 5,000,000 |
| | \$ 35,000,000 |

Restore the Construction – Education Construction Activity to the FY 2010 levels. The BIA reports a nearly \$ 75,000,000 annual facility deterioration rate and also reports a \$3.4 billion school replacement need. The schools will not be able sustain a cut from Education Construction.

3. Eliminate the following Administrative Provisions language to allow current schools to expand grade level offerings and allow tribes to apply to operate a Grant School:

“Appropriations made available in this or any other Act for schools funded by the Bureau shall be available only to the schools in the Bureau school system as of September 1, 1996. No funds available to the Bureau shall be used to support expanded grades for any school or dormitory beyond the grade structure in place or approved by the Secretary of the Interior at each school in the Bureau school system as of October 1, 1995.”