

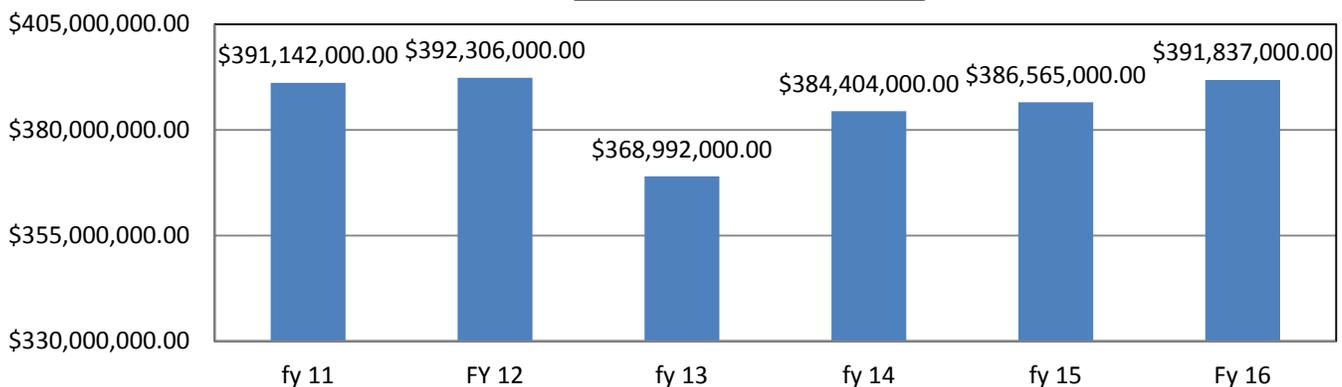
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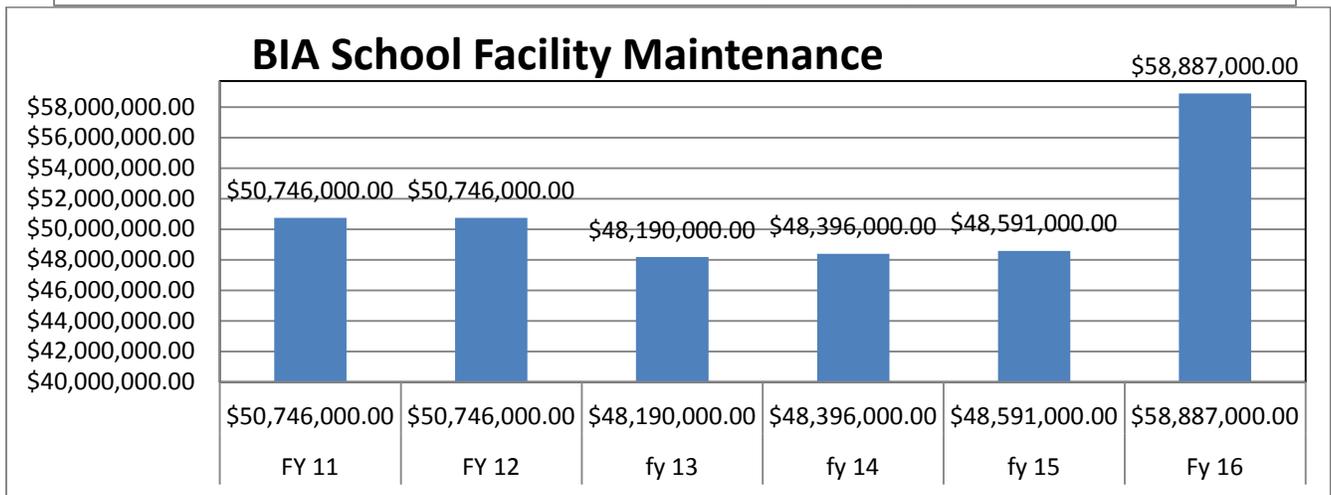
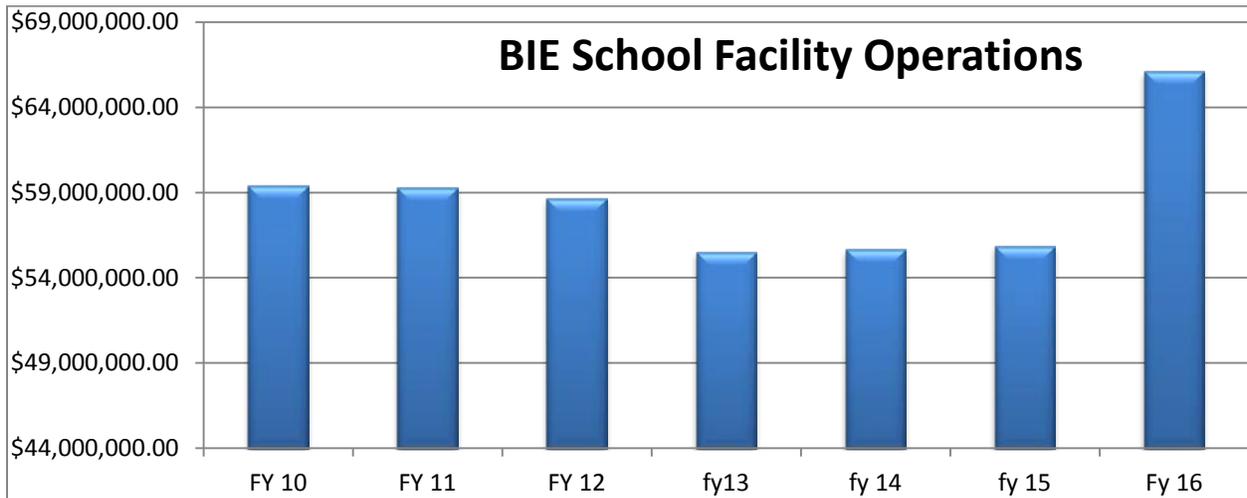
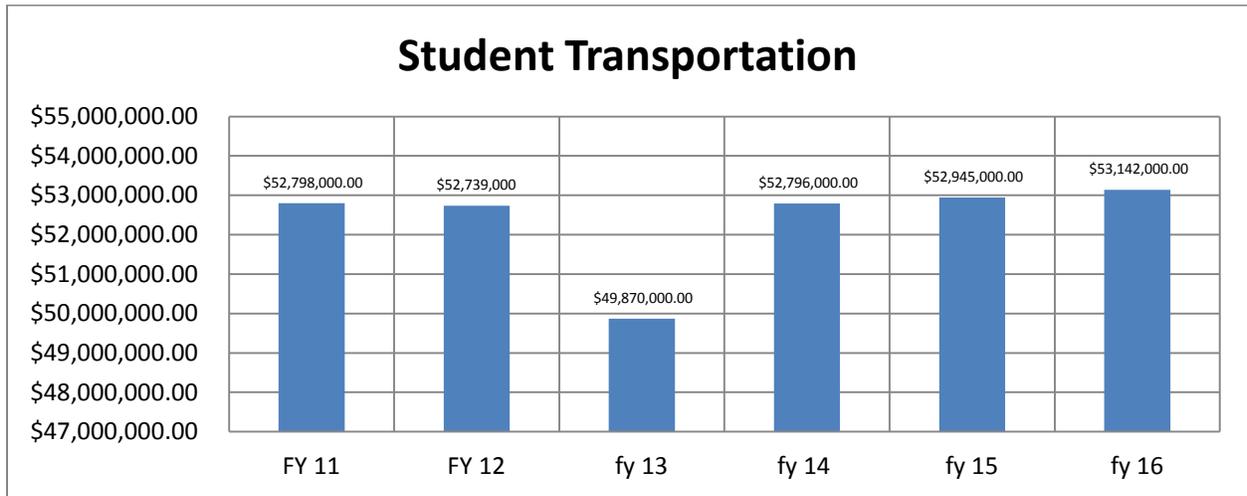
The tribal school movement started in 1966 with Rough Rock Demonstration School in Arizona. Currently there are over 28,000 students in 125+ tribal elementary and secondary schools. The schools are in the states of **Maine, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Montana, California, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.** ACTS represents a significant number of the students in the 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 6+ years.

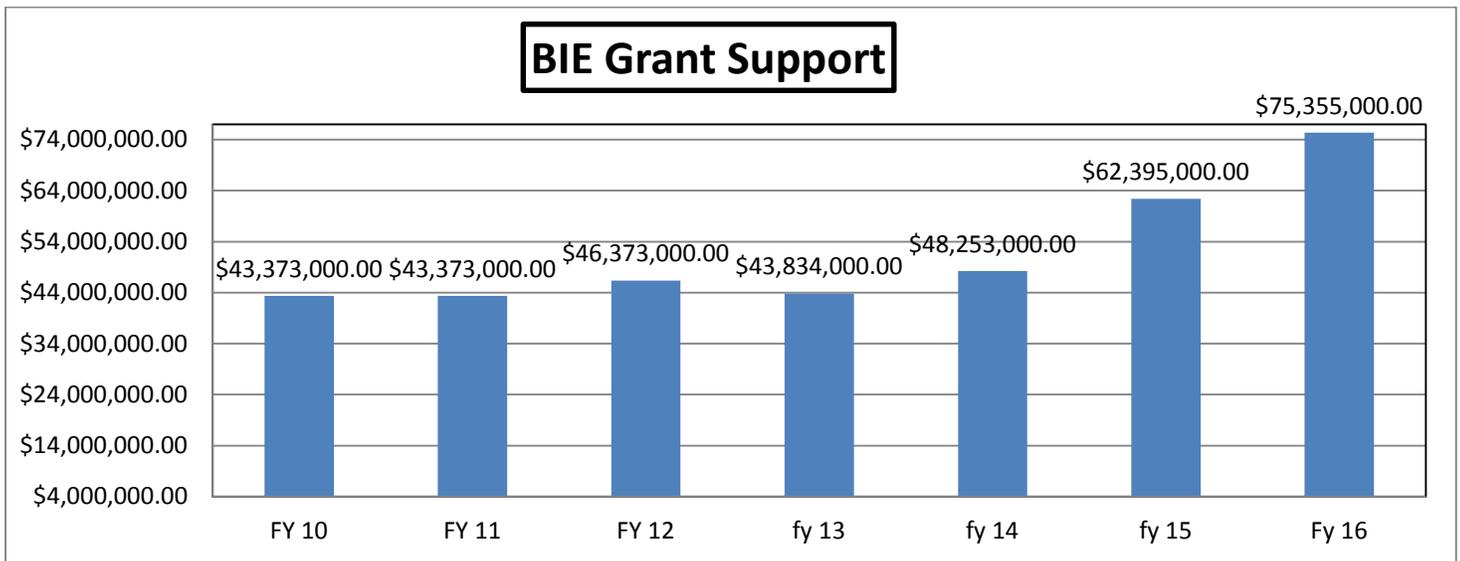
BIE ISEP Formula



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Requested Action

1. Divert BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Education Program Adjustments and Enhancements to ISEP. These funds often used to continue paternalistic practice of telling tribes and schools what is best for their children. (\$ 27,000,000)

2. Increase Early Child and Family Development (allow for expansion) \$ 20,000,000

3. Continue to annually increase accounts for next 3 years to reach need:

BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs – ISEP	\$ 25,000,000
BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Tribal Grant Support Costs	\$ 2,000,000
BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Facility Operations	\$ 9,000,000
BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Student Transportation	\$ 9,000,000
	\$ 45,000,000

4. Construction – Education Construction. The BIA reported a nearly \$ 75,000,000 annual facility deterioration rate and also reports a \$3+ billion school replacement need.

Replacement School Construction	\$ 65,000,000
Replacement Facility Construction	\$ 25,000,000
Employee Housing Repair and Replacement	\$ 10,000,000
Facility Improvement and Repair	\$ 75,000,000

Eliminate Administrative Provisions:

Appropriations made available in this or any prior Act for schools funded by the Bureau shall be available, in accordance with the Bureau's funding formula, only to the schools in the Bureau school system as of September 1, 1996, and to any school or school program that was reinstated in fiscal year 2012.

Provided, That no funds available under this Act may be used to fund operations, maintenance, rehabilitation, construction or other facilities-related costs for such assets that are not owned by the Bureau: Provided further, That the term "satellite school" means a school location physically separated from the existing Bureau school by more than 50 miles but that forms part of the existing school in all other respects. (Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015)

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