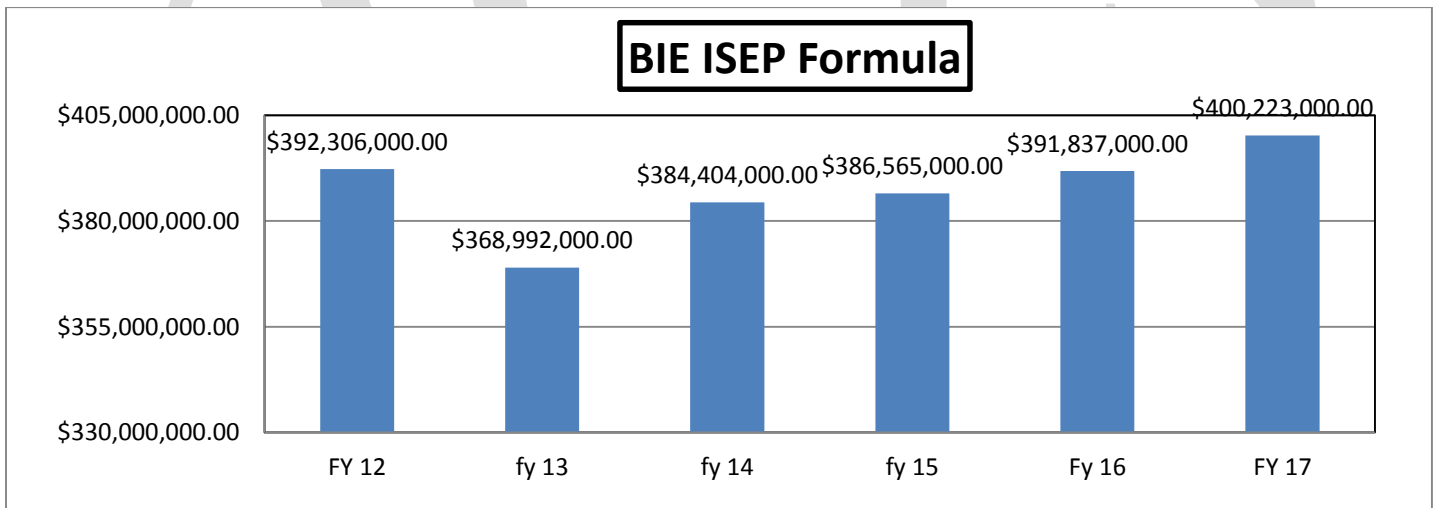


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My name is Dr. Roger Bordeaux; Executive Director of the Association of Community Tribal Schools Inc. (ACTS). WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR FY 16 Omnibus Appropriations.

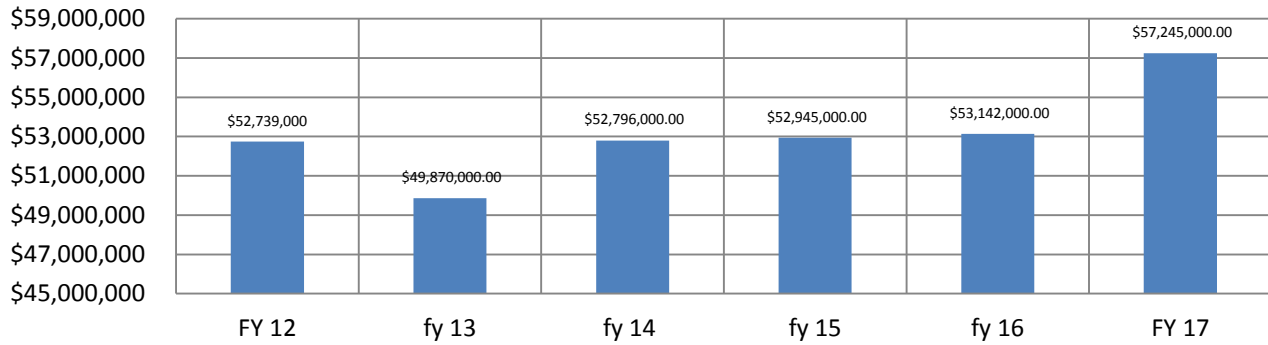
The tribal school movement started in 1966 with Rough Rock Demonstration School in Arizona. Currently there are over 30,000 students in 129 tribal elementary and secondary schools. The schools are in the states of **Maine, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota, Minnesota, North 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 129 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 revenues over the few years.

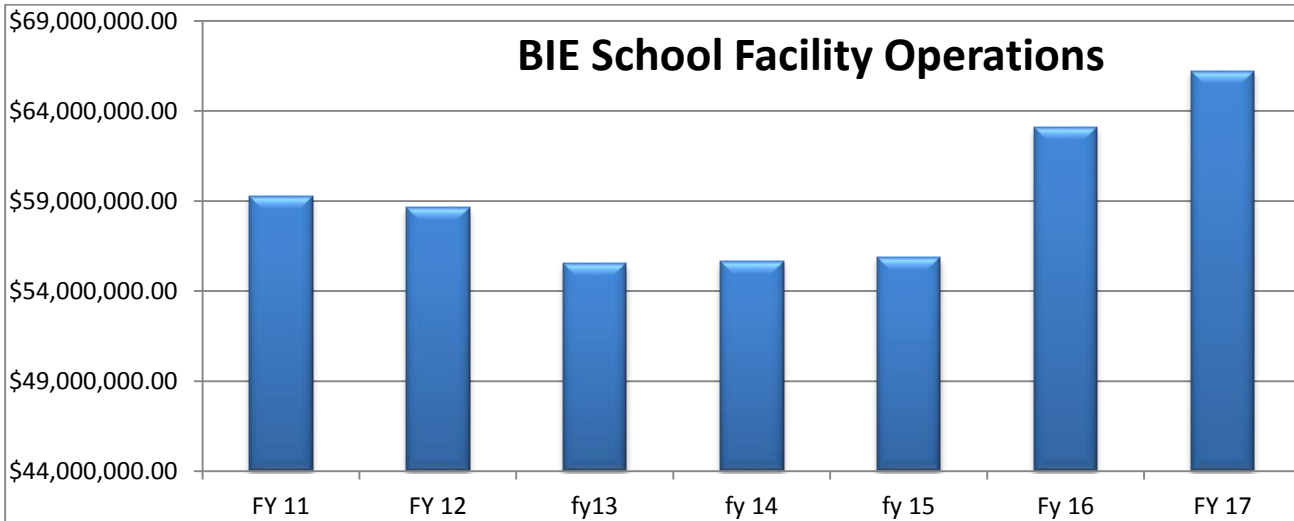


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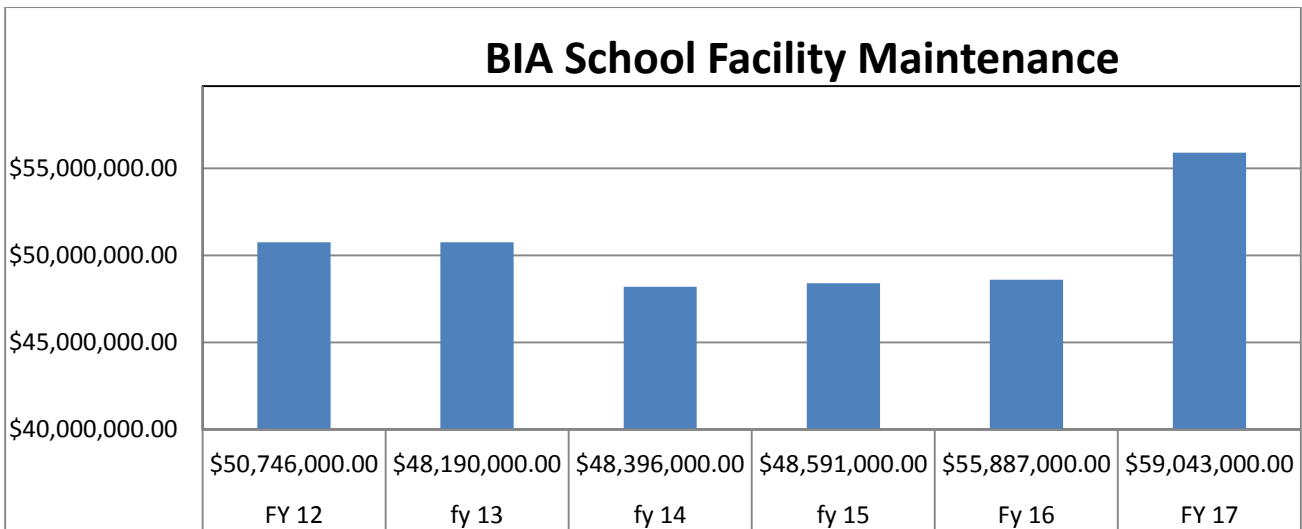
Student Transportation



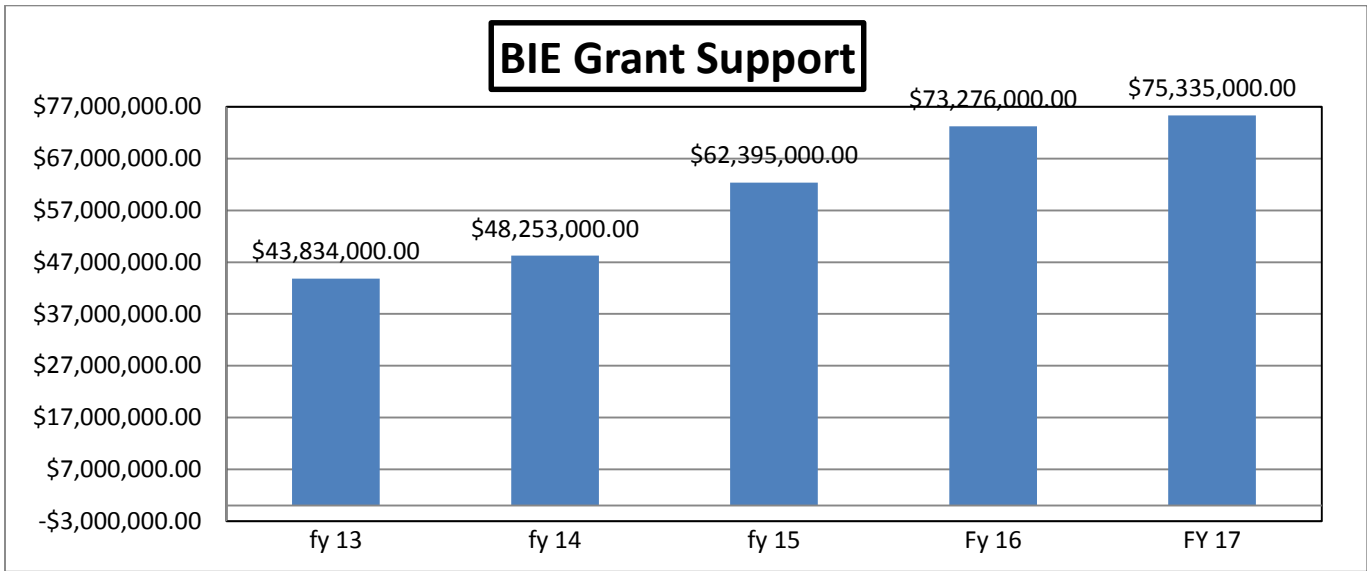
BIE School Facility Operations



BIA School Facility Maintenance



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Requested Action

1. Divert BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-ISEP Program Adjustments and Education Program Enhancements to ISEP. These funds often used to continue paternalistic practice of telling tribes and schools what is best for their children. (\$ 17,472,000)
2. Increase Early Child and Family Development (allow for expansion) \$ 15,000,000
3. Continue to annually increase these accounts for next 3 years to reach need:

BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs – ISEP	\$ 10,000,000
BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Facility Operations	\$ 4,000,000
BIE-Elementary/Secondary Programs-Student Transportation	\$ 3,000,000
	\$ 17,000,000
4. Construction – Education Construction. The BIA reported a nearly \$ 75,000,000 annual facility deterioration rate, \$ 388 million in deferred maintenance and also reports a \$ 4.4 billion school replacement value.

Annual 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	\$ 90,000,000

Eliminate these Administrative Provisions: