

- Good afternoon, everyone. I will also keep my statement short, so we can allow our witnesses time to tell their stories, which I can imagine may be difficult for them to say at times.
- As a former school board member, education is one of the policies I am passionate about. I understand that not all school systems are perfect, but as members of Congress it is our responsibility to uphold a high standard for education, generally; but for Indian education as well.
- Since this is the only Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples in this chamber, I think it is also the purview of this Subcommittee to ensure that Indian education is held at a high standard.
- I look forward to hearing the testimony of the parents and former staff. I hope that we can resolve some issues surrounding this school, and we can work to ensure that Native students feel safe, and continue to thrive as healthy education students.