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TO: Johnson – O'Malley (JOM) Program Contractors

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SUBJ: SY 2022-23 Student Count Form and SY 2023-24 Distribution Information

In accordance with the JOM Modernization Act, BIE will begin calculating the annual JOM distribution based upon the actual count of eligible JOM students reported from each JOM contractor (tribe/school) from the previous school year. Therefore, beginning with the SY 2022-23 Student Count reporting period, existing JOM contractors are encouraged to report all JOM eligible students attending their schools, as the SY 2022-23 student count will determine the SY 2023-24 JOM distribution. The SY 2022-23 Student Count Form is attached.

Additionally, BIE has set the SY 2022-2023 JOM Student Count week for **MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022**. Any JOM eligible student who attends a minimum of one (1) instructional day during that week may be counted for SY 2022-23. To avoid confusion during this first year, the deadline date for submission of the SY 2022-23 Student Count Form will remain June 1, 2023.

Since the BIE will now begin using the annual student count to determine the following school year's JOM distribution, all tribal JOM contractors are encouraged to count all JOM eligible students attending public schools in their service area, while all school district JOM contractors are equally encouraged to count all JOM eligible students attending their district schools.

NOTE- The SY 2022-23 JOM distribution will remain the same as previous years. The distribution of JOM dollars based upon the annual student count will not occur until SY 2023-24.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at [spike.bighorn@bie.edu](mailto:spike.bighorn@bie.edu).