



NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## NIEA NEEDS YOUR GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN STORIES

**Government Shutdowns disproportionately impact Indian Country and are becoming more frequent.**

Native Nations paid long ago for the federal programs which support our educational system, making our children uniquely reliant on federal appropriations. As political factions divide our country, our communities are the ones being used as bargaining chips. The education that was guaranteed our students through the loss of life and land is left in peril as primary, secondary, and higher education are forced switch to emergency operating plans when congress cannot come together. Past government shutdowns have left tribal governments, tribal organizations, and individual citizens to go into debt to cover the United States' broken promises.

As congress is more divided than ever, NIEA needs your help to remind our representatives it is their job to uphold the federal government's responsibilities by working to pass a budget that fully funds Indian education and to ensure our education is entirely provided for in advance of any potential shutdown.

**Please support NIEA's advocacy for increased and uninterrupted federal funding by answering the following survey:**



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