1. SAMPLE School District (LEA) Letter of Support for OIE PD Program

Dear (name of applicant),

We are writing in support of your application for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education’s FY 2021 Professional Development Program competition. We support the goals of your project to train Indian students to become licensed [teachers][administrators]. We would like to hire more Indian [teachers][administrators] for our school district, and we agree to consider your program graduates for employment.

We are an “LEA that serves a high proportion of Indian students” under the applicable program definition, which states:

*Local educational agency (LEA) that serves a high proportion of Indian students means--*

*(1) An LEA, including a BIE-funded school, that serves a high proportion of Indian students in the LEA as compared to other LEAs in the State; or*

*(2) An LEA, including a BIE-funded school, that serves a high proportion of Indian students in the school in which the participant works compared to other LEAs in the State, even if the LEA as a whole in which the participant works does not have a high proportion of Indian students compared to other LEAs in the State.*

For evidence that we meet element (1) of this definition, we used the following data source:

\_\_\_NCES/CCD data, found at : xxxx (OIE link ), shows that our LEA has \_\_% American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) student population, compared with the State average of \_\_% [or, compared with the following similarly-situated LEAs in our State: yyyy – attach explanation of similarity, whether geographic, size, etc., and relevant data for those LEAs] .

\_\_\_ESEA Title VI formula grant data, found at xxxx (OIE link ), shows that our LEA has \_\_% AI/AN student population, compared with the State average of \_\_% [or, compared with the following similarly-situated LEAs in our State: yyyy - attach explanation of similarity, whether geographic, size, etc., and relevant data for those LEAs].

\_\_\_Other valid and reliable data source: [enter a link or attachment, and description of this data], shows that our LEA has \_\_% AI/AN student population, compared with the State average of \_\_% [or, compared with the following similarly-situated LEAs in our State: yyyy - attach explanation of similarity, whether geographic, size, etc., and relevant data for those LEAs].

OR

For evidence that we meet element (2) of this definition, we used the following data source:

[describe one of the three data sources above, and in addition present specific data on the particular school or schools within your LEA where you would plan to place teachers or administrators.]

Sincerely,

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(Title) (must be an authorized representative of the LEA)