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(f) *Responsible fiscal agent* means the local school supervisor of a Bureau operated school except where such authority is designated to the Agency Superintendent of Education by a school board decision of record or by a written agreement signed by both parties. For contract schools, the responsible fiscal agent shall be designated in an action of record by the contractor.

(g) *Tentative allotment* means that notice of funds available to schools based on the September student count as computed through the Indian School Equalization Formula based on a proposed appropriation in the President's budget for the next fiscal year.

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§ 39.51 Notice of allotments.

The Director shall notify school administrators and boards of allotments of funds based on the September ADM count established under subpart B of this part according to the following schedule:

(a) Tentative allotments shall be made by March 15 of the prior fiscal year;

(b) Initial allotments shall be made not later than November 15 of the fiscal year; and

(c) Final allotments shall be made not later than January 15 of the fiscal year.

[49 FR 36368, Sept. 17, 1984]

§ 39.52 Initial allotments.

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, as requested by the Director, shall make initial allotments to Bureau operated schools, Agency Education Offices, and Central and Area Offices. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs shall make initial allotments for tribally operated schools to appropriate Agency Superintendents of Education, or as otherwise provided by the Director.

§ 39.53 Obligation of funds.

(a) Authority to obligate funds in the Bureau operated schools shall be governed by provisions of the Bureau Manual (42 BIAM).

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(b) Authority to obligate funds in tribally operated contract schools shall be governed by contracting procedures of 25 CFR part 900.

(c) Authority to obligate funds in all Bureau funded and operated schools shall be based upon the tentative allotment (§ 39.51) for the period beginning October 1 of any fiscal year. The tentative allotment as restricted by a continuing resolution, if applicable, would govern until computation and notification of initial allotments as described in this sub-part, as adjusted by the Director in accordance with §§ 39.75, 39.78, 39.90, 39.102 and 39.111.

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§ 39.54 Apportionment of entitlements to schools.

(a) *Bureau operated schools.* The Director shall make quarterly apportionments directly to the local school supervisor or to the school's responsible fiscal agent as specifically delegated in accordance with § 39.55 of this part. Such quarterly apportionments will be made as determined in § 39.53 of this part.

(b) *Contract schools.* The Agency Superintendent of Education, or another agent as designated by the Director, shall be responsible through the contracting officer in accordance with 25 CFR part 900 for effecting and adjusting contracts with tribally operated schools.

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§ 39.55 Responsible local fiscal agent.

The responsible fiscal agent shall:

(a) Expend funds solely in accordance with the local educational financial plan, as ratified or amended by the local school board, unless in the case of Bureau operated schools, this plan has been overturned under the appeal process prescribed in these rules, in which case expenditures shall be made in accordance with the local educational financial plan as determined by the Agency Superintendent of Education.

(b) Sign all documents required for the obligation and or payment of funds

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and documentation of receipt of goods and services.

(c) Report at least quarterly to the local school board on the amounts expended, amounts obligated and amounts currently remaining in funds budgeted for each program of services in the local financial plan.

(d) Recommend changes in budget amounts, as required for effective management of resources to carry out the local financial plan, and incorporate such changes in the budget as are ratified by the local school board, subject to provisions for appeal and overturn.

§ 39.56 Financial records.

Each responsible fiscal agent receiving funds under the ISEP shall maintain expenditure records in accordance with financial planning system procedures as required herein.

§ 39.57 Access to and retention of local educational financial records.

The Comptroller General, the Assistant Secretary, the Director, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access for audit and examination purposes to any of the local schools' accounts, documents, papers and records which are related or pertinent to the school's operation. The provisions of 25 CFR 271.47 will be applicable in the case of tribally contracted schools.

§ 39.58 Expenditure limitations for Bureau operated schools.

(a) Expenditure of allotments shall be made in accordance with applicable federal regulations and local education financial plans, as defined in § 39.60(b) of subpart E.

(b) Where there is disagreement between the Area or Agency support service staff and the responsible fiscal agent regarding the propriety of the obligation or disbursement of funds, appeal shall be made to the Director.

Subpart E—Local Educational Financial Plan

§ 39.60 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(a) *Consultation* means soliciting and recording the opinions of school boards regarding each element in the local fi-

ancial plan, as set forth below, and incorporating those opinions to the greatest degree feasible in the development of the local educational financial plan at each stage thereof.

(b) *Local educational financial plan* means that plan which programs dollars for educational services for a particular Bureau operated or funded school which has been ratified in an action of record by the local school board, or determined by the superintendent under the appeal process set forth in this subpart.

(c) *Budget* means that element in the local educational financial plan which shows all costs of the plan by discrete programs and sub-cost categories thereunder.

§ 39.61 Development of local educational financial plans.

A local educational financial plan shall be developed by the local school supervisor, in active consultation with the local school board, based on the tentative allotment received as provided in § 39.51.

§ 39.62 Minimum requirements.

The local financial plan shall include, at a minimum, each of the following elements:

(a) Separate programing of funds for each group of Indian students for whom a discrete program of services is to be provided. This must include at a minimum each program for which funds are allotted to the school through the Indian School Equalization Program;

(b) A brief description, or outline, of the program of student services to be provided for each group identified;

(c) A budget showing the costs projected for each program, as determined by the Director through the development of a uniform cost accounting system related to the Indian School Equalization Program;

(d) A statement of the percentage relationship between the total of the anticipated costs for each program and the amount the students served by that program will generate under the Indian School Equalization Formula. Beginning in FY 1981, there shall also be included a statement of the cost incurred for each program in the preceding fiscal year and the amount received for