Question 2
How does your school support the mission of BIE?

We are educating the Whole Student

**PHYSICAL**

How does the physical location of the school affect education?

- Students are housed in 5 portables, located just feet above sea level, less than 300’ from the sea and 130’ from the river.
- Flooding regularly occurs in the playground area, keeping children from utilizing outdoor education spaces.
- School closures occur throughout the year, due to flooding on the only road into and out of the Village.

**SPIRITUAL**

How does the location of the school affect our ability to preserve, protect, and pass on our culture and language?

“Our children deserve nothing less than to have inherited their own language. You could argue that when a tribe loses its language, it loses a piece of its innermost being, a part of its soul or spirit. That is how important and meaningful our languages are to us, as the original inhabitants of this hemisphere.”

- Sonny Skyhawk

**EMOTIONAL**

How does the location of the school affect the mental state of our children, and their ability to learn?

We lose classroom time to emergency preparedness and drills, which creates an environment of fear and uncertainty for our students – and the parents who drop them off in our care.

- Drills
- Evacuation Routes
- Bus
- Walk
- Road closures
- Watching the rivers rise