

# 23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

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### LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE:

May 2, 2018

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION PLAN OF OPERATION

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to approve the amendments to the Plan of Operation for the Department of Diné Education ("DODE").

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

Eligible for Action: 5/9/2018 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 1 23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2018 2 INTRODUCED BY 3 4 5 **Primary Sponsor** 6 7 TRACKING NO. <u>0154-18</u> 8 9 AN ACTION 10 11 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, 12 APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION PLAN OF OPERATION 13 14 15 16 BE IT ENACTED: 17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY 18 19 A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services 20 Committee ("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such 21 gave the Committee oversight over matters impacting the health of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400, 401(B)(1). 22 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council 23 serve as legislative oversight over the Department of Diné Education ("DODE") to 24 review, recommend or propose the adoption, amendment or recission of its Plan of 25 Operation. 2 N.N.C. § 401 (C)(1). 26 27 SECTION TWO. FINDING 28 A. The Plan of Operation for the Department of Diné Education is attached hereto as 29 Exhibit A. 30

- B. An Executive Official Review of the revised Plan of Operation has been completed with reviewers marking the revisions as legally sufficient. *See* Executive Official Review Document No. 010094 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- C. Upon approval of the Plan of Operation, the Department of Diné Education will resume its operations.

### SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council approves the Plan of Operation for the Department of Diné Education attached hereto as Exhibit A.



# DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION PLAN OF OPERATION

# SECTION I. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

The Navajo Division of Education (NDOE) was originally established in 1971 per Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CJN-60-71. The name of the Navajo Division of Education (NDOE) was changed to the Division of Diné Education (DODE) in 1995 per Government Services Committee Resolution GSC0-81-95. The Division of Diné Education is situated within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. The *Navajo Sovereignty in Education Act of 2005*, adopted by Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-37-05, July 2005, established the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education ("DEPARTMENT", hereafter) within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation.

The Department is under the immediate attention of the Superintendent of Schools ("Superintendent", hereinafter.). The Superintendent shall be appointed by the Navajo Nation Board of Education ("the Board", hereinafter) subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

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### SECTION II. PURPOSE

The Department is delegated the authority and charged with the responsibility to implement and enforce the educational laws of the Navajo Nation and to work cooperatively with all schools serving the Navajo Nation.

The Department shall implement and sustain a secure and manageable educational data information system, and coordinate educational services to assist the Navajo People to preserve, and respect their language, heritage, and culture.

The Navajo Nation, through its Department is committed to advocate for and to help perpetuate the development of confident and self-sufficient citizens who are able to acquire the knowledge, technologies, skills, and abilities to succeed in society. Citizenship and leadership with a commitment to serve the Navajo Nation are highly encouraged.

The Department is committed to working with local school boards and the school board organizations, educational organizations, local communities, educators, parents, students, as well as governmental agencies and educational institutions to improve the quality and excellence of education for all Navajos.

### SECTION III. GOALS

- 1. To implement the education policies, procedures, and directives that are approved and issued by the Navajo Nation Board of Education.
- 2. To work cooperatively with all schools and school boards serving the Navajo Nation, with local communities and other appropriate entities in order to implement Navajo Nation educational laws, to coordinate available resources, and to obtain new resources.
- 3. To negotiate and establish intergovernmental agreements with local, state, and federal agencies and cooperative agreements with other Navajo Nation divisions and programs and other education organizations and entities in order to carry out the intent of Title 10.
- 4. To establish and implement a Navajo Education Information System (NEIS) that will serve as information technology resource and as infrastructure to provide accurate and timely data to educators, policymakers, and the public in support of education in the Navajo Nation.
- 5. To inquire into the impact of educational programs on Navajo students attending schools serving the Navajo Nation and to make recommendations based on these inquiries.
- 6. To assure that Department staff obtain and maintain appropriate professional training.

### SECTION IV. STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

### A. Staffing

Section 6 of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-37-05 transferred the Administration, all other employees, programs, facilities, equipment, supplies and other assets of the former Division of Diné Education into the Department.

The Administration of the Department shall consist of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent, and their immediate support staff.

The Superintendent of Schools, under the overall direction of the Navajo Nation Board of Education shall provide overall supervision and administration to the Department to set goals and internal policy, directly supervise program managers and the Assistant Superintendent for Navajo Head Start and work with all other Navajo Nation divisions, programs, and offices as appropriate, including the Office of the President/Vice President.

The Assistant Superintendent, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools for the Department shall provide overall supervision and directly supervise the Program Managers and work with all other Navajo Nation divisions, programs, and offices as appropriate.

### B. Organization

The organizational chart of the Department is attached and is incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

### SECTION V. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBLITIES

The Department is the administrative agency within the Navajo Nation that is empowered generally within the authority and responsibility to implement and enforce the educational laws of the Navajo Nation, to work cooperatively with all schools serving the Navajo Nation, and to implement the policies, procedures, and directives of the Navajo Nation Board of Education.

The Department shall carry out the responsibilities of the Navajo Nation Board Of Education at the directions of the Navajo Nation Board of Education as enumerated in the amended Title 10:

- A. Recommend intergovernmental agreements as necessary to coordinate the activities of the Department with the Bureau of Indian Education ("BIE", hereinafter) and those state departments of education that are geographically contiguous to the Navajo Nation.
- B. Recommend cooperative agreements with other Navajo Nation divisions and programs and education organizations and entities.
- C. Actively pursue funding to support the activities of Navajo Nation education programs.
- D. Collaborate with all schools and educational entities serving the Navajo Nation to develop and implement an educational accountability system (i.e. Diné School Accountability Plan).
- E. Recommend needed education legislation to the Navajo Nation Board of Education including the development of procedures to enforce Navajo Nation school attendance laws.
- F. Inquire into impact of educational programs on Navajo students in schools serving the Navajo Nation and to develop recommendations based on the inquiries.
- G. Report the results of the inquiries and present recommendations to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Board of Education, local community school boards, school board associations, local communities, and any other entities serving the Navajo Nation that might be affected by the subject matter of these inquiries.
- H. Implement the credentialing standards established by AdvancED Navajo Nation.
- I. Comply with all applicable Navajo Nation, federal and state laws concerning the confidentiality of records.
- J. Implement the procedures for re-authorizing school contracts and grants and make recommendations to the procedure as deemed to be necessary.
- K. Recommend the assumption of control of local community controlled schools to the Board as deemed to be necessary pursuant to the Navajo Nation Board of Education's statutory authority.
- L. Cooperatively work with schools serving the Navajo Nation in the areas of:

- 1. Developing and establishing curriculum content, academic achievement standards and testing instruments that reflect the unique needs of Navajo students.
- 2. Ensuring the accountability of BIE schools as required by federal law.
- 3. Licensing BIE-funded school administrators.
- Certifying Navajo language and Culture instructors and creating and publishing instructional materials and testing instruments for the teaching of Navajo language and culture.
- 5. Overseeing educational research, in cooperation with the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, on the academic performance and needs of Navajo students and school systems.

### SECTION VI. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

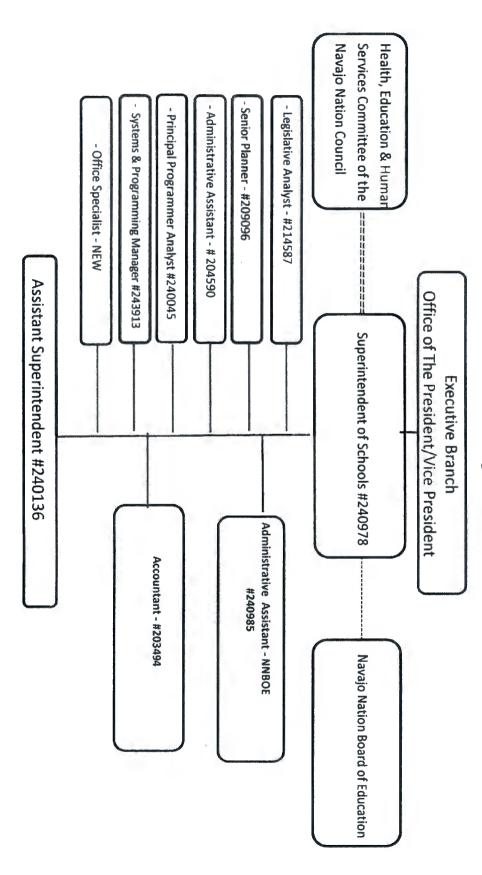
The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the oversight committee for the Department pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 401 (B) (1).

### SECTION VII. AMENDMENTS

The Navajo Nation Board of Education may forward recommendations for amendments to this Plan of Operation to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for final approval.

# Department of Diné Education

Administration - Organization Chart



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### MEMORANDUM.

TO:

Program Managers and Staff

Department of Dine Education

FROM:

Dr. Formmy Lewis Jr., Superintendent of Schools Department of Diné Education - Administration

DATE:

October 2, 2017

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SUBJECT: STANDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - FY 2018 (REVISED)

During my absence from the office, the following individuals are authorized to act on my behalf, in the order they are placed, to ensure the proper and uninterrupted functioning of the Department of Diné Education by performing the routine duties required of the Superintendent of Schools:

ACKNOWLEDGED

- 1. Dr. Timothy Benally, Assistant Superintendent Department of Diné Education - Administration
- 2. Dr. Anselm Davis, Education Program Manager AdvancED Navajo Nation (NCA/AdvancED)
- 3. Ms. Rose Graham, Department Manager II Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance (ONNSFA)

This delegation authorizes my designee to review and approve all routine administrative, financial and personnel documents, with the understanding that they will consult with me as necessary. However, all requests for Off Reservation Travel (ORT) will follow the process outlined in the memo distributed on March 20, 2013, authorizing only the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent to approve those requests.

Please continue to bring all documents requiring the review and approval of the Superintendent of Schools to the Department of Diné Education-Administration Office.

If you have any inquires relative to this matter, contact the DODE Administration Office at 928-871-7475. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

Honorable Russell Begaye, President, The Navajo Nation Honorable Jonathan Nez, Vice President, The Navajo Nation Joshua L. Butler, Chief of Staff, Office of the President/Vice President. Pearline Kirk, Controller, Office of the Controller Dominic Beyal, Executive Director, Office of Management and Budget

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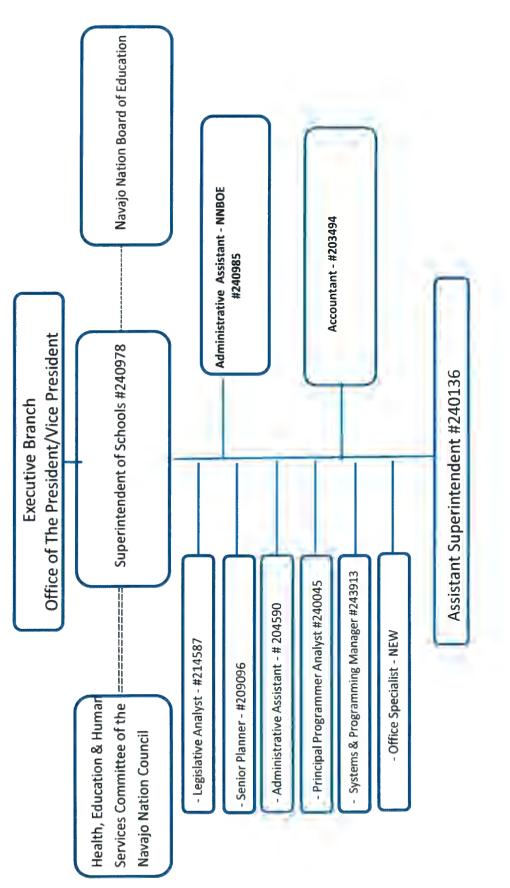
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# Department of Diné Education

Administration - Organization Chart



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## NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**DOCUMENT** REVIEW REQUEST **FORM** 



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### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable Jonathan Hale

23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM:

Candace French, Attorney

Office of Legislative Counsel

THRU:

Ed McCool, Attorney

Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE:

May 2, 2018

RE:

AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN

SERVICES COMMITTEE, APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION

DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION PLAN OF OPERATION

Per your request, attached is the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and the documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel recommends the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601, and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker. If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution.

# THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0154-18\_\_ SPONSOR: <u>Jonathan L. Hale</u>

TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Committee;
Approving The Navajo Nation Department Of Diné Education Plan Of Operation

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Digital comments may be e-mailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov

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Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
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Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

Please note: This digital copy is being provided for the benefit of the Navajo Nation chapters and public use. Any political use is prohibited. All written comments received become the property of the Navajo Nation and will be forwarded to the assigned Navajo Nation Council standing committee(s) and/or the Navajo Nation Council for review. Any tampering with public records are punishable by Navajo Nation law pursuant to 17 N.N.C. §374 et. seq.