

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;
AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR COGNIA NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight of the Navajo Nation Board of Education, Department of Diné Education, and over the implementation of education legislation, including Plans of Operation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(C)(1), and 10 N.N.C. § 1(B).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is authorized to establish Navajo Nation policy, and promulgate rules and regulations governing human services, education, and general government services of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Cognia Navajo Nation, formerly known as AdvancED Navajo Nation, is under the Department of Diné Education as a partner in support of schools and systems through the full status of an affiliate office.
- B. Cognia Navajo Nation provides technical assistance to schools pursuing North Central Association accreditation status and it supports the work of schools developing and implementing comprehensive plans for school improvement.
- C. Cognia Navajo Nation's initial Plan of Operation was approved in Resolution HEHSCO-31-12, and amended in Resolution HEHSC-29-17.
- D. Cognia Navajo Nation submitted proposed amendments to the Plan of Operation, attached as Exhibit 1. The amendments will update Cognia Navajo Nation's Plan of Operation, as approved in Resolution HEHSC-29-17, which is attached as Exhibit 2, with only Exhibit F included.

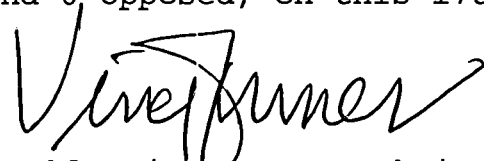
- E. The Navajo Nation Department of Justice reviewed the proposed amendments and deemed the amendments legally sufficient. The Department of Justice review is attached as Exhibit 3.
- F. Additionally, Navajo Nation Board of Education Resolution NNBEMA-850-2023, attached as Exhibit 4, approved Cognia Navajo Nation's proposed amendments.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee approves the amendments to Cognia Navajo Nation's Plan of Operation as indicated in Exhibit 1.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 05 in Favor, and 0 Opposed, on this 17th day of May 2023.



Honorable Vince James, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion by: George Tolth
Second by: Germaine Simonson

Honorable Vince James, Chairperson not voting



**DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION
AdvancED COGNIA NAVAJO NATION
PLAN OF OPERATION**

SECTION I. ESTABLISHMENT OF AdvancED COGNIA NAVAJO NATION .

In 1983, an "affiliate office" was established between the Navajo Nation and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). Because of its inherent sovereignty, NCA CASI recognized the Navajo Nation, conceptually, as the fifty-first state. This conceptual recognition set the stage for the development and passage of Resolution CAP-14-83. Passed on April 29, 1983, Resolution CAP-14-83 authorized the Navajo Nation's Division of Education to establish an "affiliate office" with NCA CASI. The affiliate office became known as the Navajo Nation North Central Association Office, which secured authorization from NCA CASI to operate with jurisdiction, and to provide accreditation and school improvement services to public schools; Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) operated, grant and contract schools; charter, private and parochial schools located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation. The newly created affiliate office was housed within the Division of Education, now called the Department of Diné Education (DoDE). The Navajo Nation is the only American Indian Nation that has a recognized affiliate office with AdvancED with Cognia, Inc.

As a result of the unification of NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI in 2006, the NCA CASI office reorganized and changed its name to Advance Education, Inc. ~~Now known as AdvancED, it is the world's largest education community whose reach is global but its services are local with offices reaching every corner of the globe including the Navajo Nation.~~ Resolution No. HEHSCO-031-12, which was passed on October 30, 2012, reaffirmed the AdvancED Navajo Nation Operations Office as a permanent and distinct unit of the Department of Diné Education pursuant to Resolution No. CAP-14-83. In 2019, Advance Education, Inc merged once again and changed its name to Cognia, Inc. As a full affiliate office between Cognia and the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education, this office will be recognized as Cognia Navajo Nation.

In 2017, the Plan of operations for then AdvancED Navajo Nation was approved through resolution HEHSCN-29-17. This resolution incorporated AdvancED Navajo Nation as one of the five academic offices of Department of Diné Education. Current Plans of Operations rescind this resolution and instead house Cognia Navajo Nation under the Department of Diné Education, but as a partner in support of schools and systems through the full status of an affiliate office. Under proposed Plans of Operation, Cognia Navajo Nation is under the immediate attention of the Superintendent of Schools, acting as an independent external agency separate and apart from the DoDE, with final authority on all matters of accreditation within the DoDE. =a-This was Tthe original intention of Resolution CAP-14-83 and wouldwas to establish Cognia Navajo Nation as an affiliate office "analogous to that of a state office" within (then called) NCA.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

Director who serves as a member of the Mountain Region team under the direction of the Mountain Region Vice President.

Within the Department of Diné Education, the Cognia AdvancED Navajo Nation Director is referred to as an Education Program Manager and is under the supervision of the DoDE Superintendent of Schools. The Education Program Manager is hired by DoDE and abides by the provisions of the Personnel Policies Manual and all applicable laws of the Navajo Nation. This dual leadership role requires the utilization of current knowledge and expertise in the field of education to enhance both Cognia's AdvancED's and the Department of Diné Education's affirmative impact on schools within the Navajo Nation boundaries.

The Program Manager shall be authorized to recommend to the Superintendent of Navajo Nation Schools and the Department of Diné Education additional professional, technical positions as needed to carry out the organizational purpose as stated herein. Additional positions shall be acquired in accordance with the duly approved Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual and within applicable budget rules established for conducting the annual Navajo Nation Budget.

~~The AdvancED Navajo Nation Program Manager supervises the following three Operations Office staff:~~

~~☐ Principal Education Specialist (2)~~

~~☐ Administrative Assistant (1)~~

~~The organizational chart of AdvancED Navajo Nation Operations Office is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A. The organization chart of Department of Diné Education and where Cognia will be housed is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.~~

SECTION V. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

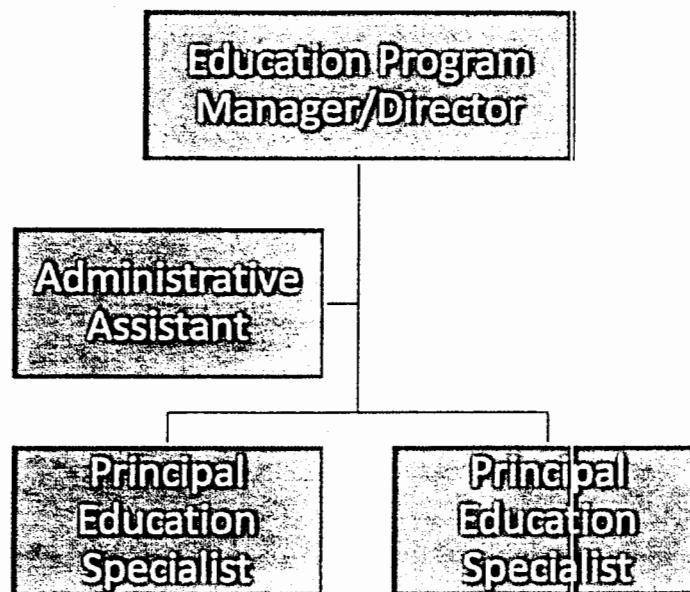
AdvancED Cognia Navajo Nation, under the general supervision of the Education Program Manager, has the authority to provide accreditation and school improvement services to schools and systems located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation. AdvancED Cognia Navajo Nation is authorized by AdvancED Cognia Inc. to operate with the same authority and with the same responsibilities of its 50 state and international counterparts.

AdvancED Cognia Navajo Nation is charged by the Navajo Nation with the responsibility to assist schools in their effort:

- 1) To enhance student learning through the use of the language and culturally-related experiences of the Navajo people, and
- 2) To support the Navajo Nation in its effort to maintain its position as a strong and viable inherent sovereign nation.



Cognia Navajo Nation Organizational Chart





RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;
AMENDING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION'S
PLANS OF OPERATION FOR NAVAJO NATION LIBRARY; OFFICE OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES; OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION
SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/TEACHER EDUCATION
CONSORTIUM; JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM; ADVANCED ED NAVAJO
NATION; OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has legislative oversight with respect to education on the Navajo Nation, hence the Navajo Department of Diné Education, including the authority to review, recommend or propose adoption of appropriate Plans of Operation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (C) (1), 401 (C) (1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Board of Education has reviewed and approved by Resolution NNBEJE-388-2017, the changes to the various Plans of Operation as proposed by the Department of Diné Education. See Exhibit "A".
- B. The Department of Diné Education has proposed revisions to the Plans of Operation for the following:
1. Office of Navajo Nation Library. See Exhibit "C"
 2. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. See Exhibit "D".
 3. The Johnson-O'Malley Program. See Exhibit "E".

4. The AdvancedEd Navajo Nation Program. See Exhibit "F".
 5. Office of Educational Research and Statistics. See Exhibit "G".
 6. Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance/Navajo Nation Teacher Education Consortium. See Exhibit "I".
- C. The proposed amendments to the Department of Diné Education Plans of Operation have been reviewed by necessary authorities and found sufficient. See Exhibit "J".
- D. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to approve the amended changes to the Department of Diné Education's respective Plans of Operation as found at Exhibits "B" through "I" inclusive with the exception of all organizational charts.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves the Department of Diné Education's respective Plans of Operations as found at Exhibits "B" through "I" inclusive.

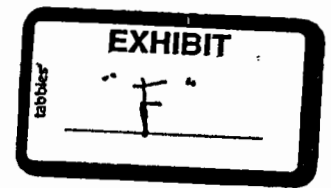
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, this 13th day of November, 2017

N-M B, II

Norman M. Begay, Vice Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Motion: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale
Second: Honorable Nathaniel Brown



**DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION
NAVAJO NATION AdvancEd
AdvancED NAVAJO NATION
PLAN OF OPERATION**

**SECTION I. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION ~~AdvancED PLAN~~
OF OPERATION ~~AdvancED NAVAJO NATION~~.**

~~The Navajo Nation State Office North Central Association (NNSO-NCA) was established in 1983, Resolution No. CAP-14-83 by an agreement between the Navajo Nation and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI). In October, 2006 the national office of NCA-CASI has reorganized and changed their name to NCA-CASI/AdvancED. The activities of the NNSO/NCA-CASI/AdvancED shall be conducted according to the bylaws of the North Central Association by the Program Director under the general direction of the North Central Association, Navajo Nation State Committee and the Superintendent, Department of Diné Education. The Navajo Nation hereby establishes the Navajo Nation AdvancED.~~

In 1983, an "affiliate office" was established between the Navajo Nation and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). Because of its inherent sovereignty, NCA CASI recognized the Navajo Nation, conceptually, as the fifty-first state. This conceptual recognition set the stage for the development and passage of Resolution CAP-14-83. Passed on April 29, 1983, Resolution CAP-14-83 authorized the Navajo Nation's Division of Education to establish an "affiliate office" with NCA CASI. The affiliate office became known as the Navajo Nation North Central Association Office, which secured authorization from NCA CASI to operate with jurisdiction, and to provide accreditation and school improvement services to public schools; Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) operated, grant and contract schools; charter, private and parochial schools located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation. The newly created affiliate office was housed within the Division of Education, now called the Department of Diné Education (DoDE). The Navajo Nation is the only American Indian Nation that has a recognized affiliate office with AdvancED.

As a result of the unification of NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI in 2006, the NCA CASI office reorganized and changed its name to Advance Education, Inc. Now known as AdvancED, it is the world's largest education community whose reach is global but its services are local with offices reaching every corner of the globe including the Navajo Nation. Resolution No. HEHSCO-031-12, which was passed on October 30, 2012, reaffirmed the AdvancED Navajo Nation Operations Office as a permanent and distinct unit of the Department of Diné Education pursuant to Resolution No. CAP-14-83.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

~~The purpose of the Navajo Nation AdvancED is to set quality standards for the education profession, provide external review and validation of schools, accredit schools that achieve the standards and engage in continuous improvement, and challenge and support Navajo Nation schools to continually increase the academic achievement of all students.~~

~~The Navajo Nation AdvancEd is to actively assist the Navajo Nation Board of Education in carrying out the 10 N.N.C. §109, Education standards and accreditation and 10 N.N.C. §106 (G)3(c), establishing procedures and criteria for licensing school administrators.~~

The purpose of the AdvancED Navajo Nation Operations Office (NNOO) is to assist schools, within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation, achieve and/or maintain accreditation under the NCA CASI brand name. To this end, the AdvancED NNOO implements the AdvancED Accreditation Process to establish a seamless link between accreditation and school improvement using accreditation as a dynamic catalyst for the continuous improvement process.

SECTION III. GOALS

~~The goals of the Navajo Nation AdvancED are as follows;~~

- ~~1. Provide high quality accreditation services.~~
 - ~~2. Lead the public with information on school improvement.~~
 - ~~3. Educate the public about the components of quality education.~~
 - ~~4. Lead the efforts to establish accreditation standards for Navajo history, government, culture, language, and Ké.~~
 - ~~5. Lead the efforts to establish procedures and criteria for licensing school administrators.~~
- 1) To provide accreditation and school improvement services to schools located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation, while protecting the linguistic and cultural integrity of the Navajo people, and the inherent sovereignty of the Navajo Nation; and
 - 2) To assist schools in their *school improvement* effort to prepare students for success in an ever-changing and diverse world, while remaining linguistically and culturally intact.

SECTION IV. STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

~~A. Staffing~~

~~The State Director shall be known as a Program Director within the Department of Diné Education. The Program Director shall be the administrator of the Navajo Nation AdvancEd. The Program Director shall be hired on the recommendation of the State Council to the Navajo Nation Superintendent of Navajo Nation Schools and the NCA CASI Executive Director. The Program~~

~~Manager shall serve as an employee of the Executive Branch under the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual. The Program Manager is authorized to assume the general responsibility of the Navajo Nation AdvancEd.~~

~~The Program Director shall be authorized to recommend to the Superintendent of Navajo Nation Schools and the Department of Diné Education additional professional, technical and clerical positions as needed to carry out the organizational purpose as stated herein. Additional positions shall be acquired in accordance with the duly approved Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual and within applicable budget rules established for conducting the annual Navajo Nation budget.~~

~~All personnel shall be employed and compensated in accordance with applicable Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual.~~

~~B. — Organization:~~

~~The organization chart of the Navajo Nation AdvancEd is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.~~

Within AdvancED, the Director is known as the AdvancED Navajo Nation Director. Within the Department of Diné Education, the Director is known as an Education Program Manager.

Within the structure of AdvancED, the Director is under the supervision of the AdvancED Mountain Region Vice President. The business and affairs of the AdvancED NNOO are, therefore, under the direction of the AdvancED Navajo Nation Director who serves as a member of the Mountain Region team under the direction of the Mountain Region Vice President.

Within the Department of Diné Education, the AdvancED Navajo Nation Director is referred to as an Education Program Manager and is under the supervision of the DoDE Superintendent of Schools. The Education Program Manager is hired by DoDE and abides by the provisions of the Personnel Policies Manual and all applicable laws of the Navajo Nation. This dual leadership role requires the utilization of current knowledge and expertise in the field of education to enhance both AdvancED's and the Department of Diné Education's affirmative impact on schools within the Navajo Nation boundaries.

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The organizational chart of AdvancED Navajo Nation Operations Office is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

SECTION V.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

~~The Navajo Nation AdvancEd is under the supervision of the Program Manager and has the authority to:~~

- ~~A. Administer the accreditation and school improvement program as defined by the AdvancED CASI.~~
- ~~B. Plan for and implement recommendations for a program of educational leadership within the Navajo Nation on current issues to member schools.~~
- ~~C. Distribute annual reports and conduct the initial review in preparation for State Council examination for accreditation recommendations.~~
- ~~D. Prepare annual reports for the AdvancED Annual Meeting in accordance with procedures promulgated by the Board of Trustees of the AdvancED CASI.~~
- ~~E. Carry out the necessary correspondence with schools concerning deficiencies in AdvancED standards and criteria, State Council recommendations, and actions taken by the AdvancED Board of Trustees.~~
- ~~F. Carry out the school improvement program, notifying schools well in advance of a new cycle of school improvement and assuring that well-trained professionals serve as team chairs.~~
- ~~G. Arrange for visitations to member schools experiencing accreditation difficulties or desiring advice and assistance in matters related to accreditation and evaluation.~~
- ~~H. Develop in cooperation with the State Council, a statement outlining duties and responsibilities associated with establishment and operation of the Navajo Nation AdvancED.~~
- ~~I. Plan, coordinate, and conduct workshops and meetings to deliver enhanced services to member schools and assist schools in the implementation of AdvancED protocol.~~
- ~~J. Provide technical assistance to member schools relative to AdvancED Standards and Protocol.~~
- ~~K. Assist in the development of the Ambassadors training program.~~
- ~~L. Select, assign, and assist in the training of team chairs and team members for Peer Review responsibilities.~~
- ~~M. Assist new member schools as they prepare for first time accreditation.~~

~~N. Provide assistance to continuing member schools in meeting accreditation requirements.~~

~~O. Ensure that accreditation standards for Navajo history, government, culture, language, and Ké are implemented.~~

~~P. Oversee the Navajo Nation licensure for school administrators.~~

AdvancED Navajo Nation, under the general supervision of the Education Program Manager, has the authority to provide accreditation and school improvement services to schools located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation. AdvancED Navajo Nation is authorized by AdvancED to operate with the same authority and with the same responsibilities of its 50 state and international counterparts.

AdvancED Navajo Nation is charged by the Navajo Nation with the responsibility to assist schools in their effort:

- 1) To enhance student learning through the use of the language and culturally-related experiences of the Navajo people, and
- 2) To support the Navajo Nation in its effort to maintain its position as a strong and viable inherent sovereign nation.

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. §§ 401C.~~

The oversight committee for the Department of Diné Education is the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(C)(1)2.

SECTION VII. AMENDMENTS

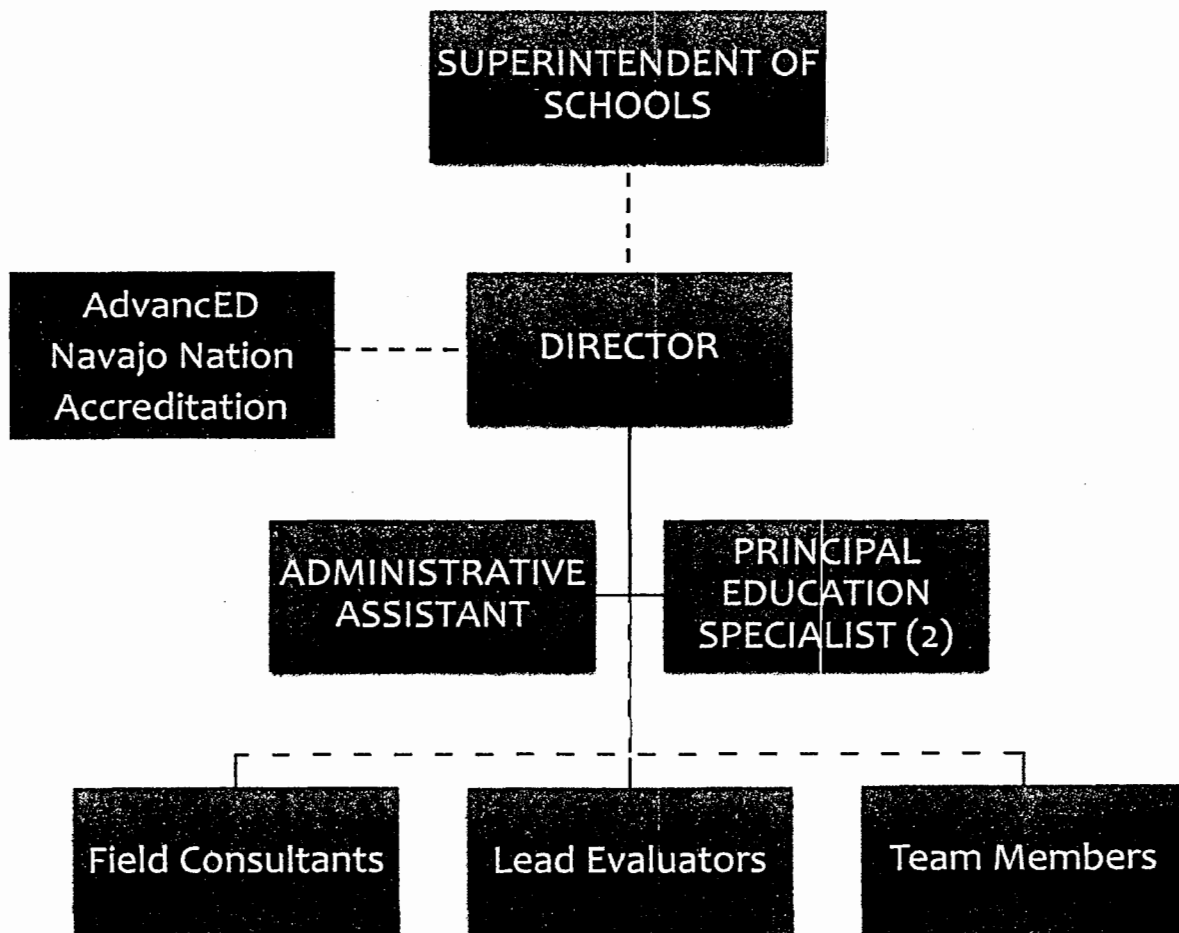
~~The Navajo Nation Board of Education may forward recommendations for amendments to this Plan of Operation to the Health, Education & Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.~~

At the request of the Department of Diné Education administration, in consultation with the AdvancED Navajo Nation Education Program Manager, an amended plan of operation may be submitted to the Navajo Nation Board of Education (NNBOE) for approval. The NNBOE may forward its recommendation to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee for final approval.

EXHIBIT A



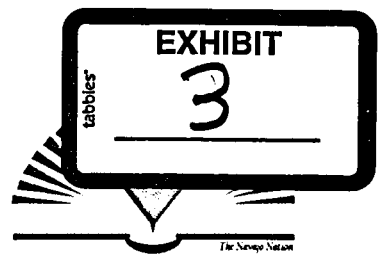
Organizational Chart





**DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION
THE NAVAJO NATION**

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Dr. Buu Nygren
President

Richelle Montoya
Vice-President

NNBEMA-850-2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Relating to Education; Approving the Amended Plan of Operation for Cognia Navajo Nation

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Board of Education (hereinafter the “Board”) is the education agent in the Executive Branch for the purposes of overseeing the operation of all schools serving the Navajo Nation. 10 N.N.C. §106(A). The Board carries out its duties and responsibilities through the Department of Diné Education (hereinafter the “Department”). 10 N.N.C. §106(G)(3).
2. The Department of Diné Education is the administrative agency within the Navajo Nation with responsibility and authority for implementing and enforcing the educational laws of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §1801(B); 10 N.N.C. §107(A). The Department is under the immediate direction of the Board. 10 N.N.C. §107(B).
3. Pursuant to 10 N.N.C. §106(G)(2), “(t)he Board is authorized to solicit funds, propose budgets and plans of operation, create positions, and establish organizational relationships...”
4. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, as the oversight committee, can adopt, rescind, or amend the plan of operation for the Department of Diné Education and Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(8) and 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
5. The Navajo Nation Department of Justice has also reviewed the amended plan of operation for Cognia Navajo Nation, attached hereto as “**EXHIBIT A,**” and deemed it legally sufficient.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Board of Education hereby approves the amended plan of operation for Cognia Navajo Nation, which is attached hereto as “**EXHIBIT A.**”
2. The Navajo Nation Board of Education further requests that the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve the plan of operation for Cognia Navajo Nation.

NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Pauletta White, President · Andrea K. Thomas, Vice President · Dellard Curley, Secretary

Members: Sharon A. Toadecheenie · Dr. Henry Fowler · Nadine Chatto

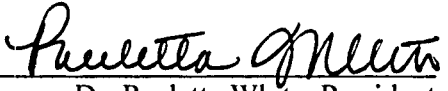
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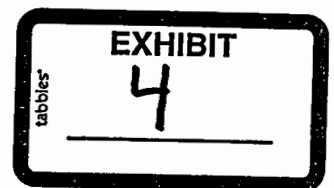
Dr. Harold G. Begay, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

3. The Navajo Nation Board of Education hereby recommends and empowers the Superintendent of Schools to take any actions deemed necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this resolution and directive.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Education of the Navajo Nation at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Arizona (Navajo Nation) at which a quorum was present, motion by Andrea K. Thomas and seconded by Mary E. Begay and that the same was passed by a vote of 9 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstained, this 2nd day of March 2023.


Dr. Pauletta White, President
Navajo Nation Board of Education



NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



REQUEST FOR SERVICES

☐ RESUBMITTAL

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11/29/22 12:05 pm
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UNIT: HSGU

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CLIENT TO COMPLETE			
DATE OF REQUEST:	7/29/2022	ENTITY/DIVISION:	Education
CONTACT NAME:	Shayla Yellowhair	DEPARTMENT:	Advanced Navajo Nation
PHONE NUMBER:	(928) 871-6888/6420	E-MAIL:	shaylayellowhair@nndode.org
COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF LEGAL NEED AND SERVICES REQUESTED (Attach Documents): The proposed Plan of Operation for COGNIA NAVAJO NATION is attached. Please review for legal sufficiency and approval by the Navajo Nation Board of Education and Health, Education, and Human Services Committee (HEHSC)			
DEADLINE:	8/24/2022	REASON:	Approval by the N.N. Board of Education/
DOJ SECRETARY TO COMPLETE			
DATE/TIME IN UNIT:	11/29/2022 @ 12:59pm	REVIEWING ATTORNEY/ADVOCATE:	DW/CP
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The purpose of the ~~AdvancED Navajo Nation Operations Office (NNOO)~~ Cognia Navajo Nation is to assist schools, is to partner with schools within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation, to continuously improve by setting standards, externally reviewing schools and systems, and supporting their effort to achieve and/or maintain accreditation under the NCA CASI brand name as a recognized trademark of Cognia, Inc.. This is done through professional development, technical assistance, and assisting in navigating the continuous improvement process. To this end, the AdvancED NNOO implements the AdvancED Accreditation Process to establish a seamless link between accreditation and school improvement using accreditation as a dynamic catalyst for the continuous improvement process.

Cognia Navajo Nation is to actively assist the Navajo Nation Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools in carrying out the 10 N.N.C. §109, Education standards and accreditation and 10 N.N.C. §106 (G)3(c), establishing procedures and criteria for licensing school administrators and instructional staff at the direction of the DoDE. Cognia Navajo Nation is to support these entities by providing culturally responsive, research-based, and data driven external review procedures and protocols developed in partnership with the Navajo Nation.

SECTION III. GOALS

The goals of Cognia Navajo Nation are as follows:

- 1) To provide accreditation and school improvement services to schools located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation, while protecting the linguistic and cultural integrity of the Navajo people, and the inherent sovereignty of the Navajo Nation; and
- 2) To assist schools in their *school improvement* effort to prepare students ~~for success for~~ opportunities in an ever-changing and diverse world, while remaining linguistically and culturally intact;
3. To provide a process by which educational entities maintain integrity and valid measures of self-assessment and external validation and review;
4. To provide the Navajo Nation a system of procedures, protocols, and criteria for licensure of school administrators, school instructional personnel, and persons in positions in which they have contact with students on campus and/or in virtual settings at the direction of the DoDE;
5. To partner in efforts to support DoDE in establishing Diné focused and informed practices for standards, accreditation processes, and other tasks relating to school improvement.

SECTION IV. STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

Within the structure of ~~AdvancED~~ Cognia Navajo Nation, the Director is under the supervision of the AdvancED Cognia Mountain Region Vice President. The business and affairs of the Cognia Navajo Nation ~~AdvancED NNOO~~ are, therefore, under the direction of the Cognia ~~AdvancED~~ Navajo Nation Director who serves as a member of the Mountain Region team under the direction of the Mountain Region Vice President.

5. To partner with the Navajo Nation Board of Education and the Superintendent in matters regarding school improvement and educational opportunities for all students.
6. to Oversee and implement the Navajo Nation licensure program for school administrators, instructional staff, and persons in contact with students on campus and/or in virtual settings at the Direction of the DoDE.
7. to provide thought leadership through partnership, planning, and facilitation of continuous improvement for educational entities on the Navajo Nation.

SECTION VI. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

The oversight committee for the Department of Diné Education is the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(C)(1)2.

SECTION VII. AMENDMENTS

At the request of the Department of Diné Education administration, in consultation with the ~~Advanced-Cognia~~ Navajo Nation Education Program Manager, an amended plan of operation may be submitted to the Navajo Nation Board of Education (NNBOE) for approval. The NNBOE may forward its recommendation to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee for final approval.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2023

Legislation No. 0100-23: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Amending the Plan of Operation for Cognia Navajo Nation

Sponsor: Delegate Dr. Andy Nez

VOTE TALLY:

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable George Tolth
Second: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Yea: Andy Nez; Helena Nez Begay; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth; Curtis Yanito

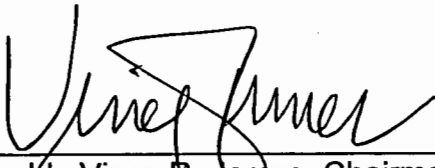
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Not Voting: Vince R. James (Presiding Chair)

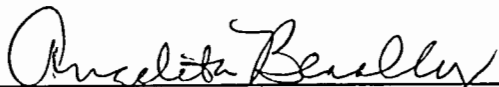
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Absent:

Vote: 5-0-1



Honorable Vince R. James, Chairman
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