



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

Relating to Education; Supporting and Approving the 2024-2025 Navajo Head Start School Year 2024-2025 Annual Report

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 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 Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools, subject to the overall direction of the Board. 10 N.N.C. §107(B).
3. The Navajo Head Start (“NHS”) Program, which is located within the Department of Diné Education as approved by the Department’s Plan of Operation, Resolution No. GSCMY-19-07. The NHS also is funded by a grant from the Office of Head Start, Administration of Children and Families (ACF), under the terms of the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. §9801 *et seq.*, and applicable regulations. The Navajo Nation is named the grantee and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Head Start Act and performance standards in delivering the services to Navajo children and their families.
4. The Board acknowledges the Navajo Head Start Policy Council Resolution NHSPC-11-03-2020 supporting and approving the 2024-2025 Navajo Head Start Comprehensive Community Assessment (attached as “EXHIBIT A”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Board of Education hereby supports and approves the 2024-2025 Navajo Head Start Comprehensive Community Assessment (attached as “EXHIBIT A”).
2. The Navajo Nation Board of Education hereby directs and empowers the Assistant Superintendent of Head Start to take any actions deemed as necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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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, motioned by Eugene Badonie and seconded by Dr. Pauletta White and that the same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained, this 13th day of November 2025.



Nadine Chatto, President
Navajo Nation Board of Education



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EXHIBIT

A

DR. BUU NYGREN, *President*
RICHELLE MONTOYA, *Vice-President*

DR. ROLANDA BILLY
Delegated Assistant Superintendent of Head Start

NHSPC-10-03-2025

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

SUPPORTS AND APPROVES NAVAJO HEAD START'S SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Resolution No. HEHSCAP-08-19, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council approved the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Head Start. The Navajo Head Start is situated under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government within the Department of Diné Education and Navajo Nation Board of Education serves as the Governing Body for Navajo Head Start; and
2. Pursuant to 45 CFR 1301—*Program Governance* and section 642(c)(2)(B) of the *Head Start Act*, the Navajo Head Start Policy Council is a duly elected and constituted Head Start Policy Council and an authorized entity of the Navajo Nation government; and
3. Pursuant to 45 CFR 1303.10-12 – *Administrative Requirements*, Navajo Head Start must observe standards of organization, management, and administration that will ensure that all program activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Head Start Act; and
4. Pursuant to 45 CFR 1302.102(b)(2)-Achieving program goals, each year the program must collect and analyze data to monitor progress toward the program's goals and identify strengths and/or corrections; and
5. Pursuant to 45 CFR 1302.102(d)(2)-Achieving program goals, Reports, a program must submit; Annually a program must publish and disseminate a report that complies with section 644(a)(2) of the Act and includes a summary of a program's most recent community assessment, as described in §1302.11(b); and
6. The Navajo Head Start program provides a learning environment of early childhood developmental experiences for children to provide a greater degree of social competence through collaborative efforts with parents, communities, and local resources; and
7. The Navajo Head Start Policy Council has the best interest of the Navajo Head Start program and will continue in providing quality services to children and families by strengthening program operations, monitoring and partnerships.



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DR. BUU NYGREN, *President*
RICHELLE MONTOYA, *Vice-President*

DR. ROLANDA BILLY
Delegated Assistant Superintendent of Head Start

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Head Start Policy Council Supports and Approves the Navajo Head Start's School Year 2024-2025 Annual Report

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Head Start Policy Council at a duly called meeting via teleconference in which a quorum was present and that it was passed by vote of 1 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, on this **23rd** day of **October 2025**.



Linda M. Yazzie, President – Pro Temp
DoDE—Navajo Head Start Policy Council