



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

Relating to Education; Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start Policy Council Request to Withdraw Legislation No. 0103-26 Titled “An Action Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Amending the Navajo Head Start Plan of Operation”

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. HEHSCAP-08-19. 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. The Board is designated by the Navajo Nation as the governing body for the Navajo Head Start program. Resolution HEHSC-035-13.
4. The Board acknowledges the Navajo Head Start Policy Council Resolution NHSPC-06-02-2026 “Supports and Approves the Navajo Head Start Policy Council Request to Withdraw Legislation No. 0103-26 Titled An Action Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Amending the Navajo Head Start Plan of Operation” (attached as “EXHIBIT A”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Board of Education supports and approves the Navajo Head Start Policy Council request to withdraw Legislation No. 0103-26 titled “An Action Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Amending the Navajo Head Start Plan of Operation”

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Nadine M. Chatto, **President** · Freda K. Nells, **Vice President** · Joleen M. Tapaha, **Secretary**
Member: Sharon A. Toadecheenie · Eugene Badonie
Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, A. Superintendent of Schools

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.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 Sharon A. Toadecheenie and seconded by Joleen M. Tapaha and that the same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained, this 25th day of June 2026.



Nadine Chatto, President
Navajo Nation Board of Education



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

DR. ROLANDA BILLY
(D) *Assistant Superintendent of Head Start*

NHSPC-06-02-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

SUPPORTS AND APPROVES THE NAVAJO HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL REQUEST TO WITHDRAW LEGISLATION NO. 0103-26 TITLED AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AMENDING THE NAVAJO HEAD START PLAN OF OPERATION

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 – *Program goals, continuous improvement, and reporting*, In order to ensure effective ongoing oversight and correction, a program must establish and implement a system of ongoing oversight that ensures effective implementation of the program performance standards; and
5. 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



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6. 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; and
7. Whereas, the issue of underenrollment within the Navajo Head Start program has been identified as a significant concern impacting the effective delivery and sustainability of services; and
8. Whereas, a proposed Change in Scope involving enrollment reduction directly addresses this concern and is critical to ensuring alignment between funded enrollment levels and actual program capacity within Navajo Head Start; and
9. Whereas, the Navajo Head Start Policy Council determines that the Change in Scope: Enrollment Reduction for Navajo Head Start must be fully reviewed, addressed, and acted upon prior to any consideration or approval of the Navajo Head Start Plan of Operation and any related organizational arrangements; and
10. Be it further resolved that no final action shall be taken on the Navajo Head Start Plan of Operation or any organizational restructuring until the underenrollment issue has been formally resolved through the appropriate Change in Scope process for Navajo Head Start.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Head Start Policy Council's hereby Approves the Request to Withdraw Legislation 0103-26 Titled An Action Relating to Health, Education, Human Services Committee Amending the Navajo Head Start Plan of Operation.

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 **3** in favor, **0** opposed, and **0** abstained, this **10th** day of **June 10, 2026**

Motion by: Linda M. Yazzie

Second by: Janice Filfred



DoDE - Navajo Head Start Policy Council