

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB1

**WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY SUPPORTING LEUPP SCHOOLS, INC., FOR RENEWAL OF ITS
AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE A GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE TRIBALLY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS ACT,
PUBLIC LAW 100-297, AT LEUPP, ARIZONA**

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council (WNAC) is the advisory body for 18 Chapters comprising 5.4 million acres of the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation, vested the authority to recommend and initiate action to benefit the populace of said Chapters; and,
2. The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and,
3. The Western Navajo Agency Council pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B), is voted with the authority to review all matters affecting the community within the Council boundaries and make appropriate decisions when necessary, including make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions to improve community decision making, allow communities to excel and flourish and enable our Navajo people toward a prosperous future; and,
4. The Governing Board of Leupp Schools, Inc. are elected, pursuant to the Navajo Nation Election Code to govern the operations of Leupp Schools, Inc., which is in Leupp, Arizona and,
5. Leupp Schools, Inc., is a BIA-funded, tribally, and locally controlled grant school program, pursuant to Public Law 100-297; and,
6. Leupp Schools, Inc., serves approximately 125 students from kindergarten through 12th grade; and,
7. Leupp Schools, Inc., has previously been approved, authorized, and recognized by the Navajo Board of Education to receive a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to operate as an academic institution under Public Law 100-297; and
8. The Western Navajo Agency Council recognizes the importance of academics and supports the efforts of Leupp Schools, Inc., in providing an education to children of Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidi To'ii and the surrounding communities, from kindergarten through 12th grade; and
9. The Western Navajo Agency Council supports and recommends the Reauthorization of the Leupp Schools, Inc., to continue its operation as an academic institution serving the children of Leupp, Tolani Lake and Tsidi To'ii and the surrounding communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby supports Leupp Schools, Inc., renewal of its authorization to operate as a grant program under the Tribally Controlled Schools Act, Public Law 100-297, at Leupp, Arizona; and
2. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby recommends a three-year renewal to continue its operation as an academic institution serving the communities of Leupp, Tolani Lake, and Tsidi To'ii and the surrounding communities.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby, certify the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Western Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona; at which quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed and ____ abstentions on this 14th day of December 2024.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB2

SUPPORTING THE LITTLE SINGER COMMUNITY SCHOOL, INC. REQUEST FOR REAUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION AS A GRANT SCHOOL PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 100-297

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council is a recognized political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and has the authority to advocate and make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the Western Navajo Agency chapters to the Navajo Nation Government Federal, State, and local entities for appropriate action; and
2. Pursuant to 10 N.N.C. S106(A), the Navajo Nation Board of Education is the education agent in the Executive Branch for the purposes of overseeing the operation of all schools serving the Navajo Nation and Pursuant to 10 N.N.C. S106(G) (3) the Board carries out its duties and responsibilities through the Department of Dine Education; and
3. Pursuit to Resolution ECMY-33-91 the Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established the Little Singer Community School Inc., to serve talented and highly motivated high school youth to become leaders in their communities; and
4. Pursuant to Resolution NNBEJE-163-2012, the Navajo Nation Board of Education approved the reauthorization of the Little Singer Community School Inc. for the operation of Education, Education Related, and Residential Programs, pursuant to Public Law 100-297 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30 2028; and
5. The Little Singer Community School Inc. is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and the Arizona Public Education Department, NNAC-18-121915B
6. The Western Navajo Agency Council supports schools across the Navajo Nation and commits to the education of all Navajo children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Western Agency Council hereby supports the Little Singer Community School Inc. Request for Reauthorization for continued operation as a grant school pursuant to Public Law 100-297.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Western Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting Flagstaff, Arizona at which a quorum was present, and the same passed by a vote of _____ in favor, _____ opposed, and _____ abstained this 14th day of December 2024.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB3

IN SUPPORT AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO SUPPORT CONTINUING RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE GREYHILLS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 100-297.

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council (WNAC) is the advisory body for the 18 Chapters comprising 5.4 million acres of the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation, vested with the authority to recommend and initiate action to benefit the populace of said Chapters; and,
2. The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and,
3. The School Board operates the grant school under the conditions and provisions of Public Law 100-297, and adheres to the requirements of Title V Part A and Title V Part B; and,
4. Greyhills Academy High School has met the following administration and educational requirements.
 - a. Maintained COGNIA (formerly AdvancED) Accreditation on Navajo Nation; and
 - b. Achieved and met adequate yearly progress target goals for the past five years; and
 - c. Maintained satisfactory student learning, graduation rate, and attendance measures; and
 - d. Completed the annual financial audit for fiscal years 2022, 2023, & 2024; and
 - e. Created many partnerships within the community and higher education; and
 - f. Implemented a Dual Enrollment (college credit) program that offers colleges classes to Greyhills Academy High School students for free.
5. The School Board will submit the approved Western Navajo Agency Council supporting resolutions in the 2025 Reauthorization Application to the Navajo Nation Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby supports the Greyhills Academy High School's request to the Navajo Nation Council to support the continuing reauthorization of the Greyhills Academy High School under the provision of P.L. 100-297.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Western Navajo Agency Council, at a meeting held in Flagstaff, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed, and ____ abstained on this 14th day of December 2024.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB4

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NAATSI'S'AAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, INC. (NCSI) TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC LAW 100-297 AND NAVAJO NATION LAW.

WHEREAS:

1. Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc. is a tribally controlled school operating under the auspices of Public Law 100-297 ("Tribally Controlled Schools Act") and applicable provisions of Navajo law, to provide K-8th education services.
2. The To'Nanees' Dizi II (K-12) Schools Board was the legally authorized and recognized school board under Navajo Nation law to oversee the following schools: Leupp Schools, Inc.; Greyhills Academy High School, Inc.; Shonto Preparatory School; Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc.; Chilchinbeto Community School, Inc.; Little Singer Community School, Inc.; and Kinłani Bordertown Dormitory, Inc.
3. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council (HEHSC) and Navajo Nation Board of Education (NNBOE) authorized the Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc. for the operation of Residential and Educational Academic programs.
4. The Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc. is required to follow and comply with the reauthorization process established by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to ECF-12-01, HEHSCMY-012-12, and HEHSCMA-02-21.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council supports the reauthorization application of the Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc (NCSI).
2. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council (HEHSC) and Navajo Nation Board of Education (NNBOE)(K-12) Schools Board maintains assurance for program accountability and compliance requirements in the reauthorization application.
3. The Navajo Nation Board of Education is requested to support and approve the Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc.(NCSI) reauthorization application.
4. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby respectfully supports the application and reauthorization of the Naatsis'aaan Community School, Inc. (NCSI) from the Navajo Nation Board of Education (NNBOE) to continue to operate the school under the authority of Public Law 100-297, HEHSCMY-012-12, and HEHSCMA-02-21.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by The Western Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present, in Flagstaff, Arizona, and that the same was passed by a vote of ____ in Favor, ____ opposed and ____ abstained, on this 14th day of December 2024.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB5

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO SEEK NAVAJO NATION FUNDS TO RETROFIT, REPAIR, AND UPGRADE THE WATER TRUCKS PURCHASED UNDER LEGISLATION CJA-01-21

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council is a consortium of duly elected Chapter Officials of eighteen (18) certified Navajo Nation Chapters that advocate, promote, and support common goals and interests of the respective Chapters; AND
2. The Western Navajo Agency Council is comprised of elected officials from the 18 Navajo Nation Chapters in Western Agency and has the responsibility and authority to address matters and projects that will benefit the 31 chapters of the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation; AND
3. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian Health Service, the Navajo Nation, and other partnering organizations collaborated on a project using IHS-appropriated Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding to increase water access on the Navajo Nation. IHS supports the Navajo Nation to ensure the availability of safe water sources both during COVID-19 and beyond; AND
4. Limited access to safe drinking water has had a greater impact on our vulnerable populations like the elderly, people with fixed income, and people with disabilities. Significant barriers include lacking reliable vehicles, difficulty, or inability to independently collect and haul water and lacking the means to obtain enough water for themselves and family members; AND
5. The Indian Health Service (IHS) identified approximately 9,650 homes on the Navajo Nation without piped water in their homes with an estimated 37,000 people without water, or about 20% of the Navajo Nation population; AND
6. The identified homes and their residents without regulated piped water systems are in remote areas with limited access to public water supply systems and the majority do not have the capabilities nor means to undertake self-delivered potable water for their daily use; AND
7. The Division of Community Development purchased twenty (20) water trucks and had them delivered to the chapters that requested for water trucks to deliver water to their residents under Legislation CJA-01-21; AND
8. The purchased and delivered water trucks upon inspections were determined not to be suitable to haul potable water for the chapters' constituents in compliance with Navajo Environmental Protection Agency's Public Water Systems Supervision Program (PWSSP) that protects and regulates drinking water on the Navajo Nation; AND
9. Western Navajo Agency has a number of chapters that have expressed an interest and are willingly able to participate in IHS's proposed potable water delivery program utilizing these retrofitted, repaired, and upgraded water trucks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby requests the Office of the President and Vice-President and the Division of Community Development to seek funds to retrofit, repair, and upgrade these purchased and delivered water trucks from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as soon as possible to serve the Navajo people.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was properly presented at a duly call Western Navajo Agency Council Meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona where a quorum was present and passed with a vote of _____ in Favor; _____ Opposed; and _____ Abstained on this 14th day of December 2024.

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB6

SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPLETION OF A RURAL ADDRESSING PROGRAM AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NAVAJO NATION NEXT GENERATION EMERGENCY 9-1-1 SYSTEM

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council (WNAC) is the advisory body for 18 Chapters comprising 5.4 million acres of the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation, vested the authority to recommend and initiate action to benefit the populace of said Chapters; and,
2. The Western Navajo Agency chapters are aware of the need for a Navajo Nation-wide addressing program to find persons, locations, and infrastructure; to provide important emergency services; comply with REAL ID federal security standards; and facilitate the economic independence of our People; and
3. The Western Navajo Agency Chapters are aware of the need for a Navajo Nation-wide Next Generation Emergency 9-1-1 System for any sudden occurrences of emergencies, and recognizes the lack of an effective emergency response; and
4. The Western Navajo Agency Chapters acknowledge the need for establishment of a Next Generation Emergency 9-1-1 System on the Navajo Nation, to improve adequate communications and expedite emergency services; and
5. Furthermore, the Western Navajo Agency Chapters genuinely believe communities within Navajo Nation will not only benefit the people, but also public businesses, health care facilities, educational institutions, fire districts, emergency rescue personnel and police district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby respectfully submits its support and endorsement to the Navajo Divisions of Community Development and Public Safety in the establishment and completion of a Rural Addressing Program and our commitment to help maintain the accuracy of the Program.
2. The Western Navajo Agency Council, submits its support and endorsement to the Navajo Divisions of Community Development and Public Safety in the development and implementation of a Navajo Nation Next Generation Emergency 9-1-1 System.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly considered by Western Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting, in Flagstaff, Arizona at which a quorum was present and passed by a vote of ____ in favor ____ opposed and ____ abstained on this 14th day of December 2024.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-12-NB7

SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CHILCHINBETO COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN ITS INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE THE STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY WITH A NEW SCHOOL REPLACEMENT.

Whereas:

1. Pursuant to, 26 N .N .C. § 103(D)(4), the Western Navajo Agency Council is comprised of (18) chapters of the Navajo Nation government and delegated the authority and responsibility to provide and enact all matters affecting the communities that benefit the local community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows the Western Navajo Agency Council to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The Western Agency Council had its meeting twice in the last four years in the Chilchinbeto Community School facility. An old school building over 75 years old sits in a growing community with much-needed economic development projects underway. This development promises to enhance more growth, infuse more revenues, and more students; and
4. The Western Agency learned a great deal about the school facility. The classrooms are smaller, school learning supplies and teaching equipment are needed, and the school building needs replacement from the aging gymnasium and dining room, and the classrooms are not in conformance with the ideal learning environment; and
5. The Western Agency Council also found that school enrollment was dwindling because of the unfavorable school facilities, no sprinklers system in the lower level, gym bleachers outdated and inoperable, and unsafe and unhealthy environment that aims to help the school community make energy upgrades that will decrease energy use and costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster a healthier learning environment. The school has outdated asbestos materials that are harmful to the Native American students and staff; and
6. The Western Agency Council further realized that school enrollment is decreasing because of the absence of comfortable learning space and prospective students leave the community school for other schools with better-looking and spacious facilities.
7. Teachers' quarters (housing) are in dire need of replacement, 4 are unlivable, including 1 condemned, and the other 4 in need of major repairs. The metal pipes underneath the housing are corroded, this includes the main school complex. At any time, sewer odor permeates the building. Because of the smell school had to be closed in the past.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby approves this resolution to support the School Board of Chilchinbeto Community School in its quest to provide for the students and the community with a New School Replacement; and
2. The Western Agency Council further strongly requests the U. S. Bureau of Indian Education, the Western Agency Bureau of Indian Education, the United States Federal Government, and the Navajo Nation Council (NNC) to perform any action and all things necessary to allocate funds to build and replace the old school to provide a healthy place to learn for students.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Western Navajo Agency Council, in Flagstaff, Arizona at which a quorum was present, and that the same was passed by a vote of _____ in favor, _____ opposed, and _____ abstained, on this 14th day of December, 2024.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary