

RESOLUTION OF THE  
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
of the 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING NAVAJO NATION INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE POLICIES UNDER THE JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. It has the authority to "establish Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules and regulations governing health, social services, education, human services and general government services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises." 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Johnson-O'Malley Act of 1934 authorizes contracts for the education of eligible Indian students enrolled in public schools and previously private schools. See, <https://www.bie.edu/JOM>. This local program is operated under an educational plan, approved by the Bureau of Indian Education, which contains educational objectives to address the needs of the eligible American Indian and Alaska Native students. *Id.* See also, *Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act*, Public Law 115-404, December 31, 2018.
- B. Programs under Johnson O'Malley may include culture, language, academics and dropout prevention. See, <https://www.bie.edu/JOM>.
- C. Public school districts may receive funds under Johnson-O'Malley, provided Indian Education Committees are established (among other requirements). See, <https://www.bie.edu/JOM>. Such committees, among other functions, approve supplementary support programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native students. *Id.*

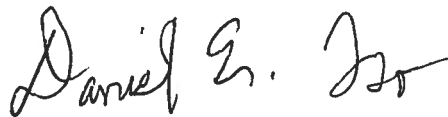
D. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation, as well as public schools eligible for Johnson-O'Malley funds, that the Navajo Nation adopt *Indian Education Committee Policies*. Among other purposes, the policies will ensure that Johnson-O'Malley funds are used for supplemental education programs designed to meet the special and unique educational needs of eligible Indian students at public schools under the program.

**SECTION THREE. APPROVING INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE POLICIES**

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the *Navajo Nation Indian Education Committee Policies* under the Johnson-O'Malley Program, marked as **Exhibit A**.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 05 in favor, 00 opposed, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.



Daniel E. Tso, Chairperson  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Charlaine Tso  
Second: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.

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3 **The Navajo Nation**  
4 **Johnson-O'Malley Indian Education Committee Policy**

5 **I. Purpose and Scope**

- 6 a. This policy will ensure that JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM subcontracts which  
7 are entered into between the Navajo Nation (Contractor) and public schools  
8 (Subcontractor) to use federal funds for supplemental education programs are designed  
9 to meet the special and unique educational needs of eligible Indian students attending  
10 public schools.
- 11 b. The Subcontractor shall establish an Indian Education Committee ("IEC") pursuant to  
12 this policy and 25 C.F.R. § 273.15. The Subcontractor in consultation with the IEC  
13 will plan and develop an educational plan to be submitted to the Contractor for  
14 approval.
- 15 c. This policy shall apply to all JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM subcontracts  
16 entered into between the Contractor and the Subcontractor.
- 17 d. If a conflict arises between this policy and the Federal statute 25 U.S.C. § 5342 to  
18 5347 or regulations 25 C.F.R. § 273.1 et. seq., the Federal statute or regulations will  
19 control.

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21 **II. Establishment of IEC**

- 22 a. All JOM Subcontracts shall comply with 25 U.S.C. § 5342 to 5347 and 25 C.F.R. §  
23 273.1 et. seq. Each IEC shall establish procedures and bylaws under which the  
24 committee shall serve in accordance with the JOM laws and regulations, this policy,  
25 and with the Subcontractor's bylaws, in that order.
- 26 b. All JOM Programs or subcontractors shall have an IEC as set forth below:
- 27 i. An IEC elected from among parents of eligible Indian children attending their  
28 respective school districts, including grandparents designated as legal  
29 guardians and persons acting in loco parentis. For purposes of this policy,  
30 "Loco parentis" shall mean any parent, including non-Native American

1 parents, legal guardian, or extended family/clan member who is responsible  
2 for a child or student's welfare on a daily basis. A person acting in loco  
3 parentis must provide legal documentation demonstrating their parental  
4 responsibilities and status.

5 1. The IEC may be elected to represent a community or chapter where  
6 students and parents reside. A Chapter/community resolution is  
7 recommended in order to demonstrate that an election was conducted  
8 at the local level; or

9 2. The IEC may be elected from the school site. A document issued by  
10 the school certifying that an election took place at the school site is  
11 recommended.

12 ii. A local Indian committee established pursuant to section 305(b)(2)(B)(ii) of  
13 the Act of January 23, 1972 (86 Stat. 235) and existing prior to January 4,  
14 1975; or

15 iii. An Indian Advisory school board or IEC established pursuant to the Johnson  
16 O'Malley Act and existing prior to January 4, 1975.

17 c. The IEC will function in a decision-making capacity and fully participate in the JOM  
18 Program in coordination with the elected school board and the school administration  
19 pursuant to 25 C.F.R. §273.16.

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21 **III. IEC Membership**

22 a. IEC elections and membership are subject to local school bylaws, as long as they are  
23 in compliance with 25 U.S.C. § 5342 to 5347, 25 C.F.R. § 273.1 et. seq., and this  
24 policy, as set forth above.

25 b. IEC members are bound to promote the specialized and unique educational needs of  
26 eligible Indian students. Evidence of IEC members undermining the efficacy of this  
27 mandate, including through political or financial motivations, may be cause for  
28 removal from the IEC.

- 1           i. IECs shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members. IEC members are  
2           encouraged to each select an alternate to attend meetings in case of his/her  
3           absence.
- 4           ii. IEC members are required to have a child enrolled at the school at all times. If  
5           a member's child leaves the school, that member may no longer serve on the  
6           committee effective immediately upon the child's departure.
- 7           iii. BIA and other federal employees may serve as IEC members provided a  
8           proper clearance or waiver has been authorized and approved by the  
9           employee's respective BIA Personnel office.
- 10          iv. School administrators and school officials are prohibited from serving as IEC  
11          members.
- 12          v. IEC members may represent more than one school district where his/her  
13          children attend school, subject to the local school's bylaws.
- 14          vi. IEC membership is limited to one term and is not to exceed 4 years in total.

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16 **IV. Compensation**

17           Compensation for IEC participation at duly called meetings shall not exceed the  
18           subcontractor's reimbursement policy and any applicable federal travel requirements.  
19           Any payment for stipends and/or reimbursement shall be subject to the availability of  
20           funds.

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22 **V. Amendments**

23           The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
24           shall have the authority to approve amendments to this policy pursuant to 2 N.N.C.  
25           §401(B)(1) upon the recommendation of the Department of Diné Education and in  
26           consultation with the IEC.

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28 **VI. Effective Date**

29           This policy shall become effective upon approval by the Health, Education and Human  
30           Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
October 16, 2019

Roll Call  
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LEGISLATION NO. 0305-19

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(Note: Eligible for Committee Action October 09, 2019)

Sponsor: Honorable Pernell Halona

October 16, 2019 - Main Motion

Motion by: Honorable Charlaine Tso

Seconded by: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.

Vote: 5 in favor; 0 Opposed; Chairperson Not Voting

Yeas: Charlaine Tso; Paul Begay, Jr.; Pernell Halona;

Edison J. Wauneka; Carl Roessel Slater

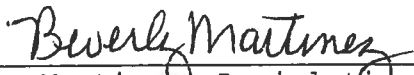
Nays: None

Absent (excused): All Present



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Daniel E. Tso, Chairperson  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee



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Beverly Martinez, Legislative Advisor  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee