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April 11, 2023

President Buu Nygren  
**Navajo Nation**  
P.O. Box 9000  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Honorable President Buu Nygren:

The term for the appointed **Navajo Nation Representative, Jonathan Hale**, ended on December 31, 2022. The Indian Education Advisory Council (IEAC) and I are seeking confirmation on whether the **Navajo Nation** would like this representative to continue for another term or wish to appointment another candidate for this position.

Pursuant to the Indian Education Act, section 22-23A-6 NMSA 1978, the IEAC serves to advise the Secretaries of the Public Education and Early Childhood Education and Care and the Assistant Secretaries of Indian Education and the Native American Early Childhood Education and Care on implementation of the provisions of the Indian Education Act in accordance with Subsection B of 22-23A-6 NMSA 1978. Members shall be appointed by the Secretary with input from New Mexico tribes and organizations involved in the education of tribal students for staggered terms. The appointments of the at-large members and the tribal representatives shall be for terms of four years that end on December 31.

The IEAC consists of sixteen members:

- Four (4) representatives from the Navajo Nation;
- Two (2) representatives from Apaches
  - One (1) from the Mescalero Apache Tribe and one (1) from the Jicarilla Apache Nation;

IEAC Membership – Navajo Nation

April 10, 2023

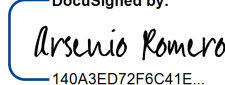
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- Four (4) representatives from the Pueblos,
  - Two (2) from the Southern Pueblos and two (2) from the Northern Pueblos;
- Three (3) urban Indians representing urban areas, including Albuquerque, Gallup and Farmington; and
- Three (3) At-Large representatives:
  - One (1) from the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs,
  - One (1) from a head start organization, and
  - One (1) from the general public, at least one of whom shall be nontribal, but all of whom shall have knowledge of and involvement in the education of tribal students.

Candidates recommended by a New Mexico Tribe, Nation, or Pueblo are required to provide a letter of support from the representative NM Tribe, Nation, or Pueblo and submit an application of interest.

The completed application and letter of support are due by **Monday, April 24, 2023** and must be submitted via email to Seana Flanagan, Interim Managing Director, Office of the Secretary at [Seana.Flanagan@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Seana.Flanagan@ped.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

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