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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee;
Confirming the Reappointment of Joan Gray to the Navajo Nation Board of
Education as a Parent Representative for a Term a Six (6) Years**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0729-25

DATE: October 3, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOAN GRAY TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would reappoint Joan Gray to the Navajo Nation Board of Education as a parent representative for a term of six (6) years.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Health, Education and Human Services Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL — Third Year, 2025

Introduced By:


Primary Sponsor

Tracking No. 0229-25

AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOAN GRAY TO
THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A PARENT
REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of providing legislative oversight on matters involving health, social service, education, general government and human services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), (C)(1).
- B. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee serves as the oversight for the Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2 N.N.C. § 401 (C)(3).
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has the authority to confirm appointments to the Navajo Nation Board of Education. 10 N.N.C § 106 (B)(3).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Navajo Nation Board of Education ("Board") consists of eleven (11) members.
2 Five (5) members are elected at-large, one from each of the five (5) agencies. Six (6)
3 members are appointed positions. 10 N.N.C. §106 (B).
- 4 B. Regarding appointments to the Board, the law provides, "Six Board members shall
5 be appointed to six years terms by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed
6 by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation
7 Council. These members will be appointed in order to ensure that a variety of
8 experience and knowledge is present on the Board." 10 N.N.C. §106 (B)(3).
- 9 C. Qualifications for the six appointed positions to the Board are stated as follows: "Two
10 (2) appointed Board members will be individuals who are recognized for their
11 knowledge of traditional Navajo culture", 10 N.N.C. §106 (C)(1)(a); "One of the
12 appointed members will be a school administrator working on the Navajo Nation",
13 10 N.N.C. §106 (C)(1)(b); "Two appointed Board members will be parents of at least
14 one child enrolled in a Kindergarten, elementary, or secondary program on the
15 Navajo Nation", 10 N.N.C. §106 (C)(1)(c); and, "One appointed Board member will
16 be a teacher employed in a Bureau of Indian Affairs funded or state public school
17 operating on the Navajo Nation", 10 N.C.C. §106 (C)(1)(d).
- 18 D. On November 25, 2019, Ms. Joan Gray was confirmed to the Board to serve in the
19 parent representative position for a six (6) year term. HEHSCN-29-19.
- 20 E. The Navajo Nation President has reappointed Ms. Joan Gray, as the Parent
21 representative. Ms. Gray's reappointment letter is attached as **Exhibit A**. Ms. Gray's
22 letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit B**.

23 24 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENT**

25 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
26 confirms the Navajo Nation President's reappointment of Joan Gray, to the Navajo Nation
27 Board of Education. Ms. Gray shall serve in the parent representative position. Ms. Gray
28 shall serve a term of six (6) years from the date of confirmation.
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