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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving Ten Budget Revision Requests for the Department of Diné Education to Fund Operating Expenses; Waiving the Budget Instruction Manual Prohibition on Budget Revisions from Personnel Accounts to Non-Personnel Accounts; Waiving CJY-66-23, Sections 3(A) and 3(B)(1) and (2)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0016-26

DATE: January 16, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING TEN BUDGET REVISION REQUESTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES; WAIVING THE BUDGET INSTRUCTION MANUAL PROHIBITION ON BUDGET REVISIONS FROM PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS TO NON-PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS; WAIVING CJY-66-23, SECTIONS 3(A) AND 3(B)(1) AND (2)

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would fund the operating expenses for the Department of Diné Education and their programs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 Vote of the Navajo Nation Council

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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Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:
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5 (Prime Sponsor)
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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
12 COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING TEN
13 BUDGET REVISION REQUESTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ
14 EDUCATION TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES; WAIVING THE BUDGET
15 INSTRUCTION MANUAL PROHIBITION ON BUDGET REVISIONS FROM
16 PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS TO NON-PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS; WAIVING CJY-
17 66-23, SECTIONS 3(A) AND 3(B)(1) AND (2)

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19 BE IT ENACTED:

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21 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

22 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
23 Council that is authorized to review and make recommendations on the management
24 of funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A) and (B)(2).

25 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
26 that reviews all proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Council. 2 N.N.C. §
27 164(A)(9).

28 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
29 102(A).

30 D. Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-66-23 Section 3(A) and 3(B)(1) and (2) and

1 the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Instructions Manual prohibits budget revisions from
2 personnel accounts to non-personnel accounts.

3 E. Waiver of any provision in CJY-66-23 requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full
4 membership of the Navajo Nation Council.

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6 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

7 A. The Department of Diné Education (“DODE”) is requesting approval for ten (10)
8 separate Budget Revisions, as shown in **EXHIBIT A**, Fiscal Year 2026 Department of
9 Diné Education Personnel Savings – Request for Transfer to Operations, as follows:

- 10 1. Business Unit 109001 – \$118,089
- 11 2. Business Unit 109004 – \$39,430
- 12 3. Business Unit 109005 – \$39,431
- 13 4. Business Unit 109009 – \$77,478
- 14 5. Business Unit 109012 – \$24,085
- 15 6. Business Unit 109016 – \$56,853
- 16 7. Business Unit 109017 – \$95,674
- 17 8. Business Unit 109018 – \$46,867
- 18 9. Business Unit 109023 – \$93,760
- 19 10. Business Unit 109026 – \$39,970

20 B. The Department of Diné Education Administration is requesting a revision in the
21 amount of \$118,089 for Business Unit No. 109001. A Budget Revision Request
22 (“BRR”) form from the Department of Diné Education Administration for Fiscal Year
23 2026 (“FY 2026”) is attached as **EXHIBIT B**.

24 C. The Office of Educational Research & Statistics is requesting a revision in the amount
25 of \$39,430 for Business Unit No. 109004. A BRR form from the Office of Educational
26 Research & Statistics for FY 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT C**.

27 D. The Office of Standards, Curriculum, Assessment Development is requesting a revision
28 in the amount of \$39,431 for Business Unit No. 109005. A BRR form from the Office
29 of Standards, Curriculum, Assessment Development for FY 2026 is attached as
30 **EXHIBIT D**.

1 E. The Office of Diné School Improvement is requesting a revision in the amount of
2 \$77,478 for Business Unit No. 109009. A BRR form from the Office of Diné School
3 Improvement for FY 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT E**.

4 F. The Diné Youth-Administration is requesting a revision in the amount of \$24,085 for
5 Business Unit No. 109012. A BRR form from the Diné Youth-Administration for FY
6 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT F**.

7 G. The Office of Diné Youth-Shiprock is requesting a revision in the amount of \$56,853
8 for Business Unit No. 109016. A BRR form from the Office of Diné Youth-Shiprock
9 for FY 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT G**.

10 H. The Office of Diné Youth-Tuba City is requesting a revision in the amount of \$95,674
11 for Business Unit No. 109017. A BRR form from the Office of Diné Youth-Tuba City
12 for FY 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT H**.

13 I. The Cognia is requesting a revision in the amount of \$46,867 for Business Unit No.
14 109018. A BRR form from the Cognia for FY 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT I**.

15 J. The Office of Diné Accountability & Compliance is requesting a revision in the amount
16 of \$93,760 for Business Unit No. 109023. A BRR form from the Office of Diné
17 Accountability & Compliance for FY 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT J**.

18 K. The Navajo Board of Education is requesting a revision in the amount of \$39,970 for
19 Business Unit No. 109026. A BRR form from the Navajo Board of Education for FY
20 2026 is attached as **EXHIBIT K**.

21 L. During the FY 2026 Comprehensive Budget process, the Department of Diné
22 Education did not receive the appropriated funding for non-personnel operating
23 expenses, leaving the program without resources necessary to support day-to-day
24 operations.

25 M. Due to Department of Diné Education's statutory purpose of providing direct services
26 for education throughout the Navajo Nation, the absence of operating funds has resulted
27 in the Department being unable to fully meet its objectives during the first quarter of
28 FY 2026, with operations limited to only minimal levels.

29 N. In response to the lack of operating funds, the Department of Diné Education has
30 pursued available funding remedies consistent with Navajo Nation budgetary guidance,

1 including utilization of personnel savings resulting from vacant positions and
2 submission of funding proposals through the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance.

3 O. Approval of the requested budget revision is necessary to restore essential operating
4 capacity for the Department of Diné Education and to ensure the continuation of direct
5 educational and youth services provided to communities across the Navajo Nation.

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7 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

8 The Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the Department of Diné Education's ten (10)
9 Budget Revision Requests as shown in the attached **EXHIBITS B-K**.

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11 **SECTION FOUR. WAIVERS OF NAVAJO NATION LAW**

12 A. The Navajo Nation waives Sections 6(D) and 12(D)(12)(a) of the Fiscal Year 2026 BIM
13 that restrict budget revisions from personnel accounts to non-personnel accounts.

14 B. The Navajo Nation waives Sections 3(A) and 3(B)(1) and (2) of Council Resolution CJY-
15 66-23.

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17 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

18 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(C).

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20 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

21 If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a
22 District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the
23 remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.