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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Supporting and Approving Kinteel Residential Campus, Inc.'s Selection of Option Number 3 Under Public Law 100-297 and Request for Bureau of Indian Affairs Ownership for the Kinteel Campus Renovation and Replacement Project

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0086-2p

DATE: April 20, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; SUPPORTING AND APPROVING KINTEEL RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS, INC.'S SELECTION OF OPTION NUMBER 3 UNDER PUBLIC LAW 100-297 AND REQUEST FOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OWNERSHIP FOR THE KINTEEL CAMPUS RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would support and approve Kinteel Residential Campus, Inc.'s selection of Option Number 3 under Public Law 100-297 and the request for Bureau of Indian Affairs ownership for the Kinteel Campus Renovation and Replacement Project, and to affirm the October 28, 2024, decision of the President of the Navajo Nation.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' 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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 Primary Sponsor

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15 FOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OWNERSHIP FOR THE KINTEEL
16 CAMPUS RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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20 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 21 A. The Health Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of
22 the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of promulgating regulations,
23 promoting accountability to policies, and providing legislative oversight on matters
24 involving health, social service, education, and general governmental services and
25 human services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A) and (C)(1).
- 26 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
27 Council with the authority to coordinate the Navajo Nation's engagement with
28 federal agencies, review federal programs impacting the Nation, and authorize and
29 approve contracts and grants with the United States, including those arising under
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1 federal Indian self-determination laws. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(3), (4), (7),
2 and (12).

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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 5 A. The Naat'áanii Nez Schools (K–12) Board is the duly authorized and recognized
6 governing body under Navajo Nation law responsible for oversight of Kinteel
7 Residential Campus, Inc.; Tsé Nitsaa Deez'áhi Diné Bi'ólta' (Rock Point
8 Community School, Inc.); and Shiprock Associated Schools, Inc., and its members
9 are elected and/or appointed pursuant to the Navajo Nation Election Code.
- 10 B. Kinteel Residential Campus, Inc. ("KRCI") is a tribally controlled school
11 established pursuant to Public Law 100-297 and authorized by the Navajo Nation
12 to provide educational, residential, and related services and programs for Navajo
13 students.
- 14 C. The KRCI administration and governing board have a fiduciary responsibility to act
15 in the best interests of the school and its students, including advocating for
16 necessary school construction, renovation, and infrastructure improvements to
17 ensure safe and adequate learning environments.
- 18 D. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 900, Subpart J, § 900.120, the Indian Affairs (IA) –
19 Division of Facilities Management and Construction ("DFMC"), by
20 correspondence dated October 7, 2024, notified the Navajo Nation of the allocation
21 of funds for the Kinteel Campus Renovation and Replacement Project – Site
22 Selection, Planning and 20% Design Phase, with option for 100% Design Services,
23 in an amount not to exceed \$1,920,000, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 24 E. In said correspondence the DFMC requested that the Navajo Nation select one (1)
25 of three procurement methods for the project: (A). Option Number 1: A Public Law
26 93-638 contract, under which the Tribe or Tribal organization performs the project
27 and assumes responsibility for project management, procurement, and compliance
28 with applicable federal, state, and local building codes and standards; (B). Option
29 Number 2: Performance by Indian Affairs via the Federal Acquisition Regulations
30 (FAR), under which the DFMC assumes overall project management with facility

1 user and Tribal representative involvement throughout each phase; or (C). Option
2 Number 3: A Public Law 100-297 grant, under which the Tribe or tribally
3 controlled school board (Grantee) performs the project and assumes responsibility
4 for project management, status reporting, review coordination with DFMC and the
5 Division of Safety and Risk Management (DSRM), and procurement in accordance
6 with all applicable federal, state, and local building codes and IA-adopted
7 standards.

8 F. Option Number 3, a Public Law 100-297 grant, authorizes a tribally controlled
9 school or Tribal entity to carry out the project through a grant mechanism, thereby
10 advancing Tribal self-determination by allowing local control over project
11 execution while maintaining compliance with federal requirements and oversight
12 by Indian Affairs.

13 G. The request for "Bureau Ownership" contemplates that the United States, acting
14 through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will retain ownership of the facility, thereby
15 ensuring continued eligibility for federal funding, maintenance, and long-term
16 capital support for the school infrastructure.

17 H. On October 17, 2024, the Naat'áanii Nez Schools (K–12) Board adopted a
18 resolution entitled "*Supporting and Approving the Kinteel Residential Campus, Inc.*
19 *(KRCD)'s Request to President Buu Nygren to Select 'Option Number 3' and*
20 *'Request Bureau Ownership' Regarding Renovation and Replacement Project,*"
21 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

22 I. On October 28, 2024, the President of the Navajo Nation formally selected Option
23 Number 3 and requested Bureau Ownership for the Kinteel Campus Renovation
24 and Replacement Project, thereby affirming the Nation's intent to exercise self-
25 determination in project implementation while preserving federal ownership of the
26 facility, included within **Exhibit A**.

27 J. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation, the Naat'áanii Nez Schools (K–12)
28 Board, and the students of the Kinteel Residential Campus, Inc. to support and
29 approve the selection of Option Number 3 and the request for Bureau Ownership in
30 order to promote Tribal self-determination in project implementation while

1 ensuring continued federal support and protection of critical educational
2 infrastructure.

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4 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF KINTEEL RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS,**
5 **INC.'S SELECTION OF OPTION NUMBER 3 UNDER PUBLIC LAW 100-297**
6 **AND REQUEST FOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OWNERSHIP FOR THE**
7 **KINTEEL CAMPUS RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

- 8 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports and approves Kinteel Residential Campus,
9 Inc.'s selection of Option Number 3, a Public Law 100-297 grant, for the Kinteel
10 Campus Renovation and Replacement Project.
- 11 B. The Navajo Nation hereby supports and approves the request for Bureau of Indian
12 Affairs ownership for the Kinteel Campus Renovation and Replacement Project in
13 order to preserve eligibility for continued federal funding, maintenance, and long-
14 term infrastructure support.
- 15 C. The Navajo Nation hereby affirms the October 28, 2024 decision of the President
16 of the Navajo Nation selecting Option Number 3 and requesting Bureau ownership.