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# Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., appoints Lamont Yazzie as acting manager of Navajo Head Start Department

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – With the resignation of Dr. Francis Becenti as interim director of the Navajo Headstart Department, Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., has appointed OPVP Staff Assistant Lamont Yazzie to temporarily run the program.

The President made the appointment on Sept. 4. Mr. Yazzie will serve as acting department manager until Oct. 4 and be responsible for the proper administration of the Head Start Department. This will include overseeing all grant compliance matters, supervising employees and managing day-to-day operations.

“I also want you to initiate a budget modification of our existing grant to use approximately \$10 million in unexpended funds to purchase 10 modular classrooms, to recruit and hire a licensed mental health expert and to work closely with the Parent Policy Council and the administration in advertising, interviewing and selecting a permanent Head Start Department manager,” the President wrote in his appointment letter.

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