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### Nez-Lizer wish the best to high school basketball teams competing in state basketball tournaments

**WINDOW ROCK** – President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer wish the best to all high school basketball teams who will compete in the 3A state basketball tournament in Glendale, Ariz. on Friday and Saturday. The Navajo Nation has many student athletes who will be playing on several teams including the lady Chinle Wildcats, Winslow Bulldogs, and Page Sand Devils.

“We wish all of the teams the best as they compete and we will continue praying for your safety and well-being as you travel in winter weather conditions. Our students and coaches work hard and sacrifice a lot throughout the season, and we thank them for serving as positive examples for all of us,” said President Nez.

On Friday, the Arizona Interscholastic Association announced the cancellation of the 1A and 2A boys and girls state basketball tournaments due to inclement weather.

“We know that many parents, grandparents, and other family members travel to support our Navajo student athletes wherever they play, but we strongly advise them to travel safely if they decide to make the long drive to support the teams,” added President Nez. “The city of Glendale will likely feel the economic impact if the turnout is low from the Navajo Nation. We’ve always said that the Navajo people are an economic giant and it’s time that everyone recognizes that.”

President Nez and Vice President Lizer frequently attended high school basketball games throughout the season to show their support for the student athletes, their coaches, and schools. However, due to the weather conditions and pressing needs of Navajo communities, they will not attend the state basketball tournament games.

“Our priority right now is the safety of our people, our elderly and disabled, who are impacted by the heavy snowfall so we will remain home to oversee and assist, but we wish the very best to all of the teams who will compete,” added Vice President Lizer.

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