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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON NO CHILD
LEFT BEHIND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Two members of the Navajo Nation Council's Education Committee – Chairperson Leonard Chee and Katherine Benally – have been appointed to serve on an ad hoc committee established by Congressman Rick Renzi to examine and make recommendations on revising the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which is up for reauthorization next year.

The No Child Left Behind Congressional Advisory Council will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, August 30, at W.F. Killip Elementary School in Flagstaff, Ariz., beginning at 9:30 a.m. The United States House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce Chairman Howard “Buck” McKeon is expected to attend.

Also representing the Navajo Nation on the NCLBCAC are Dr. Ferlin Clark, Dr. Deborah Dennison, Dr. Tommy Lewis, Florian Johnson, Jennifer Wilson and Joe

Martin.

“Not only will the committee serve as a clearinghouse to air concerns about No Child Left Behind, but it will make recommendations to reform the legislation, ensuring that rural Arizona’s unique educational needs are addressed during the reauthorization process,” Renzi said.

In addition to the eight appointees representing the Navajo Nation, the ad hoc committee’s membership includes representatives for the San Carlos Apache, charter schools, Apache County, Coconino County, Gila County, Graham County, Greenlee County, Pinal County and Yavapai County.