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Nez-Lizer request public support for \$50 million investment in scholarships



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. and Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance Manager Rose Graham discussing Legislation No. 0238-19 with the Law and Order Committee in Window Rock, Ariz. on Aug. 12, 2019.

WINDOW ROCK – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer commend the introduction of Legislation No. 0238-19, which was developed in coordination with the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, to set aside \$50 million from the Navajo Nation Síhasin Fund to establish an endowment to create more scholarship opportunities for Navajo students.

Since May, President Nez and Vice President Lizer met with members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council and Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance Manager Rose Graham on several occasions to layout the framework for the \$50 million proposal.

“As we visit with students and communities, it’s quite apparent that our young people want more scholarship opportunities and resources. Many of the students that we’ve spoken with also want to return to the Navajo Nation after completing their degree, so with this proposal we want to include those opportunities for graduates to come home and serve their people in some capacity,” stated President Nez.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. introduced Legislation No. 0238-19 on Aug. 3, a bill that is assigned to four Standing Committees and the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

President Nez and Delegate Begay spoke in support of the bill during the Law and Order Committee meeting on Monday, where the committee issued a “do pass” recommendation by a vote of 2-0. The bill will be considered next by the Council’s Health, Education, and Human Services Committee.

President Nez said he appreciates the support and recommendations from the Law and Order Committee and looks forward to supporting the bill as it makes its way through the remaining Standing Committees and the Council.

“We appreciate Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr. for working together with the Office of the President and Vice President and the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance to move this initiative forward. If this proposal is successful, it will provide many scholarship opportunities for many years to come and help to bring our Navajo people home,” said Vice President Lizer.

The Nez-Lizer Administration encourages the general public to submit supporting comments for Legislation No. 0238-19 to the Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Services by e-mailing written comments to comments@navajo-nsn.gov. Public comments are accepted beyond the five-day comment period while the legislation is being considered by Standing Committees and the Council.

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