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**Greasewood Springs Community School to receive new
school facilities with signing of federal agreement by President Nez**



PHOTO: (back row) BIA Navajo Area Director Bart Stevens, Miss Navajo Nation Shaandiin Parrish, Navajo Nation First Lady Phefelia Nez, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Greasewood Springs Community School Board President Immanuel Charley, School Board Secretary Ruthie A. Nez, School Board consultant Len Chester; (front row) School Principal Lucinda Godinez, Board Vice President Linda M. Yazzie, and Board Member Ruth Logan.

WINDOW ROCK — On Tuesday, Greasewood Springs Community School Board members, BIA Navajo Area Director Bart Stevens, and 2019-2020 Miss Navajo Nation Shaandiin Parrish joined Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez at the Office of the President and Vice President, as he signed an agreement between the Navajo Nation and the U.S. Department of the Interior to allow for the construction of new school facilities to replace its current facilities in Greasewood, Ariz.

“Once this new school is constructed it will serve hundreds of our Navajo students, administrators, and teachers. I extend my appreciation to the school board members for supporting this agreement with the unanimous passage of Greasewood Springs Community School’s Resolution 2019-05. We appreciate your hard work in finalizing this agreement with the BIA and BIE to help our Navajo students succeed in the classroom,” said President Nez.

The agreement establishes the final space allocation for the construction of a new school for Greasewood Springs Community School, which was developed in cooperation with the BIA Division of Facilities Management and Construction, Bureau of Indian Education, Navajo Nation, Greasewood Springs Community School, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Along with the new school facility will come full-size classrooms, storage areas, and restroom facilities for over 220 students in K-8 grades. The classrooms will be used for computer labs, science labs, home economics courses, fine arts courses, language and culture courses, special education, gifted and talented courses, library and media center, dining and kitchen areas, administrative offices, conference rooms, and much more.

The Greasewood Springs Community School Board unanimously supported the agreement through board Resolution 2019-05 on Aug. 14, 2019.

School Board President Immanuel Charley thanked President Nez and BIA Navajo Area Director Stevens for their support for the agreement and spoke about the school board’s other initiatives including the demolition of the current school facility and the need to improve school bus routes for students that attend the school.

Greasewood Springs Community School Board Vice President Linda M. Yazzie, Secretary Ruthie A. Nez, Board Member Ruth Logan, School Principal Lucinda Godinez, and consultant Len Chester were also present for the signing of the agreement and each offered their support and appreciation for the construction of the new school.

Council Delegate Vince R. James, who represents the Greasewood Springs community as a member of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, also offered words of support.

“This is a great accomplishment for all the representatives, past and present, who were involved in the planning of the new Greasewood Spring Community School facility. Go Mustangs!” said Delegate James.

The Nez-Lizer Administration is committed to working together with school administrators, educators, and students to raise the level of academic achievement among our Navajo students, and to provide the necessary resources for teachers to use in the classroom. We commend Greasewood Springs Community School for the outstanding work that has led to the finalizing of this agreement,” stated Vice President Myron Lizer.

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