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NAVAJO BOARD OF EDUCATION NAMES CLAUDIA EDGEWATER SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Board of Education formally appointed Claudia Edgewater as Superintendent of the Department of Diné Education during its regular meeting on August 7, 2025.

Edgewater, who previously served as Acting Superintendent of DODE, resumed her role earlier this year following a special NNBOE meeting in March. She brings years of experience in leadership roles within the department for Cognia Navajo Nation, and she continues to devote herself to the students and teachers of the Navajo Nation. She also serves on the Board of Regents for Dine College.

She is of the Coyote Pass clan, born for the Reed People clan. Her maternal grandfather is of Chiricahua Apache descent, and her paternal grandfather is of the Water's Edge People Clan. She is a native of Greasewood Springs, Arizona and carries an extensive background in education, having served in various leadership roles over her career.

As Superintendent, Edgewater oversees the department's programs, projects, and initiatives that work to strengthen academic opportunities for students while adhering to DODE's vision and mission statements. She is the face of the department and education for the Navajo Nation, collaborating with our many staff and Program Managers to fulfill the department's goals.

We look forward to our future endeavors with Superintendent Edgewater.

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