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Navajo Nation Council offers support for Diné College students and staff following Student Union Building fire



Photo courtesy of Diné College.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its heartfelt support to the students, faculty, and staff of Diné College following an early morning fire at the Student Union Building (SUB) on the main campus in Tsaile, Arizona.

The Council expresses deep gratitude to the Navajo Nation Police Department, Fire Department, and campus security for their swift and coordinated response, which helped contain the incident and ensured the safety of the campus community.

“Diné College is more than an academic institution — it is a symbol of self-determination and a beacon of opportunity for our people,” said Speaker Crystalyn Curley. “For generations, it has empowered our students to pursue higher education while staying rooted in our culture and language. We stand in solidarity with Diné College and remain committed to supporting the college during this time of recovery. The strength of our Nation is reflected in the strength of our schools.”

Council Delegate Carl Slater, who represents the Tsaile area, emphasized the importance of unity during this time. “This is a tough moment, but we’ll get through it together. Diné College serves at the heart of our people, and the Council is committed to helping the college recover and move forward — with unity, support, and shared purpose.”

The 25th Navajo Nation Council commends Diné College leadership for their proactive response, including providing meals, alternative heating sources, and maintaining open lines of communication with students and surrounding communities.

Community members are respectfully urged to observe all campus closure orders until the area is deemed safe by college officials.

The Council remains in close coordination with college leadership and will continue to monitor the situation closely. As recovery efforts unfold, the Council supports to continued efforts for safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff.

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