

OPEN LETTER TO THE EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL THE NAVAJO NATION

Honorable Council Members,

On Tuesday, February 7th, residents will go to the polls and cast their ballot for District 2 [Church Rock and Crownpoint] Representative on the Gallup-McKinley County School [GMCS] Board. The District 2 candidates are, Sandra D. Jeff, Freda E. Joe and Charles Long.

Sandra D. Jeff was appointed to the GMCS Board to replace former Board President Titus Nez as Representative of District 2 and has since added her name to the ballot of the upcoming election. According to the media and investigative reports, it has been revealed—amongst other issues—that

Ms Jeff has resided with her family in Albuquerque for the last 20 years where her children have attended a private Christian school that does not offer a Native culture or language component in its curriculum.

Freda E. Joe is a former GMCS employee.

The McKinley County Federation of United School Employees [MCFUSE] has endorsed Charles Long for this important Board position. Charles Long is a resident of Crownpoint and has a distinguished record of honorable service to the Diné People:

--Chapter official for 20 years and currently President of the Becenti Navajo Chapter

--Worked as Executive Staff for Navajo Chairman and several Presidents

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--Legislative staff assistant for the Navajo office and Speaker of the House

--Chief of Staff for Legislative Branch

He has dedicated his life to the service of the Dinéwhile living amongst the Diné.

Some years ago, MCFUSE was able to join the Eastern Navajo Agency in support for our students at Crownpoint High School by signing the \$2 million School Improvement Grant [SIG]; we hope that now the Eastern Navajo Agency will join MCFUSE in its efforts and support Charles Long for District 2 on the Gallup-McKinley School Board.

Let's not allow individual interests to be placed above those of the residents, voters, and the children of District 2.

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Respectfully,

Brian J. Bernard

President, MCFUSE