



Second Mesa Day School Hosts Reservation Wide Townhall Meeting to Address the Proposed Hopi School System Slated to Begin July 1, 2023



Pictured above stakeholders of the local Hopi schools gathered at the Second Mesa Day School gymnasium.
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Hopi School CSA's and Board Members presenting during the Townhall Meeting. Photo by: R. Laban HT

**By: Romalita Laban, Managing
Editor - Hopi Tutuveni**

Second Mesa, Ariz. - May 10, 2023 and a day after National Teacher Appreciation Day, local Hopi school Administrators and Boards held a Reservationwide Townhall to present information about the Hopi School System - slated for official kick-off, "just fifty-one days away" on July 1, 2023, at the Second Mesa Day School gymnasium.

Stakeholders, including students, parents and community members were invited to the meeting and many attended the scheduled two-hour meeting

The meeting, at which the School Administrators and Boards determined to inform the constituents, according to distributed flyers that, "All six elementary schools on the Hopi Reservation have united to address the proposed Hopi School System that is slated to begin on July 1, 2023. The formulation of the proposed

Hopi School System will impact all families with children attending any local school on the Hopi Reservation, including Hopi Jr./Sr. High School and is a monumental change to the current educational system."

All local Hopi schools were represented, except for Hopi Jr./Sr. High School.

The entrance was complete with welcoming school staff, Board members and volunteers attending to the sign-in tables, handing out "pre-event" survey hard copies and attending to a computer laptop section, for those choosing the option to complete a survey online.

A refreshment table was also set up in the lobby adjacent to the main lobby leading into the gymnasium. Attendees were also provided masks as a courteous offer to aid in ensuring COVID-19 and other disease prevention. There seemed to be a sense of urgency in the crowd to get a seat before the event started.

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Hopi Schools To Address the Proposed Hopi School System in A Reservationwide Town Hall

For Immediate Release 5-1-23

Submitted by:

**Moencopi Day School
Hotevilla-Bacavi Day School
Hopi Day School
Second Mesa Day School
First Mesa Elementary School
Keams Canyon Elementary
School**

Kykotsmovi, AZ - April 27, 2023

All six elementary schools on the Hopi Reservation have united to address the proposed Hopi School System that is slated to begin on July 1, 2023. The formulation of the proposed Hopi School System will impact all families who have a child attending any school on the Hopi Reservation including Hopi Jr./Sr. High School and is a monumental change that has lacked the input from many stakeholders including Hopi students, families and personnel of the aforementioned schools. A Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Second Mesa Day School beginning at 6:00 p.m. that is open to the public.

The last time a pivotal change occurred with Hopi Schools was in the early 1970's when the schools transitioned from being administered directly by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to becoming Grant Schools. A former school board member of one of the Hopi schools recalls the "fight" Hopi schools made to become grant schools, "The Hopi villages did so (become Grant Schools) to obtain

local control and become self-governing through local school boards". In this way, schools became more accessible to students and families, and developed educational systems that best serve students attending schools in that particular area of the Hopi reservation.

The Chief School Administrators and School Boards of the six schools are citing a host of concerns of the new Hopi School System which includes the lack of policies and procedures needed to administer a new school district, infrastructure unavailable two months prior to the start of the new school system which includes a non-existent financial plan, a lack of transparency by the Hopi Board of Education, and the lack of input by stakeholders that includes the Hopi public, students, families and school personnel that has fostered mistrust and a lack of buy-in for this new system.

The Six Hopi Schools united in this effort include Moencopi Day School, Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School, Hopi Day School, Second Mesa Day School, First Mesa Elementary School and Keams Canyon Elementary School. Parties related to this effort have been invited to the Town Hall that include the Bureau of Indian Education, Hopi Tribal Chairman, Hopi Tribal Vice-Chairman, Hopi Tribal Council, the Hopi Health And Education Committee, the Hopi Board of Education and the Hopi public.

For More Information contact:
Your local school or 928-734-2467.

Hopi Tribe Department of Public Safety Announcement

May 10th recognized as First Responders Mental Health Awareness Day



Submitted by: Kevin Dennis, Structure Firefighter - Department Of Public Safety

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 10, 2023 May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and is a time to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma surrounding behavioral health issues, as well as highlighting the ways how mental illness and addiction can affect all of us – patients, providers, families, and our society at large.

First responders are more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty

All first responders we all trust and depend on also have mental health care needs that deserve to be met.

We know a number of factors contribute to mental health issues among First Responders. One study found that on average, first responders witness 188 traumatic and critical incidents during their careers. This repeated exposure to trauma can lead to several forms of distress such as anxiety, insomnia, post traumatic symptoms, and depression. For action, we must first have understanding. Research frequently describes shame and stigma surrounding mental health care needs within a profession that prioritizes bravery and toughness. While this culture is perhaps necessary to survive the dangers of the job, it also contributes to the phenomena of responders & officers not seeking help to manage chronic stress or trauma injury, or even recognizing the need before it becomes critical.

Mental Health Awareness Month

WHEREAS, mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being; it affects how we think, feel, and act; it also affects how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices; and

WHEREAS, mental health allows us to maintain relationships, take care of ourselves and our families, take care of our physical bodies, and respond and adapt to

daily life changes; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 adolescents have had a serious mental health disorder at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, 50% of all mental health disorders begin by age 14, and 75% of all mental health disorders begin by age 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States with a death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, talking about mental health can reduce stigma and increase awareness of the devastating consequences of unaddressed mental illness; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based mental and behavioral health training teaches people how to recognize signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges and provides skills to assist people who may be facing a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, since taking office, my administration has proposed historic investments in behavioral health services and state psychiatric facilities, recruiting and retaining hundreds of mental health workers and expanding access to mental health resources in schools and through community agencies; and,

WHEREAS, mental health training for teens is proven to reduce stigma and teach teens how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among their friends and peers;

WHEREAS, investing in mental health and safety is critical to building strong workplaces, a thriving workforce, and strong communities

Implement Mental Health Support

Mental health is vital to everyday functioning. If your First Responders are suffering mentally, they can't perform their jobs as efficiently and safely. This puts them as well as others at risk. Make sure your First Responders have a mental health strategy that includes PTSD support and that your team knows they can come to you if they are struggling.

We owe a great debt to our first responders

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

2nd Quarter Session

March, 2023

MONTH OF MAY 2023 AGENDA

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center – Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe – Tabled

2. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #043-2023 – To clarify sections of the 2023 Expenditure Authorization & Appropriations Language (EAAL) – Author/Eugene Talas, Chair, Budget Oversight Team

2. Action Item #045-2023 – 2023-2027 Hopi Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation

3. Action Item #046-2023 – Approve Lease Agreement between Hopi Tribe on behalf of First Mesa Consolidated Villages and Arizona Public Service – Staff Housing - Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services

4. Action Item #047-2023 – To approve and accept funding from the National Science Foundation (SNF) SCC-IRG Track 1 for the implementation of the Qoyangnuptu (Sun-Rise) in the amount of \$467,563 – Author/Laverne Dallas, Director, Behavioral Health Services - Time Certain, Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

5. Action Item #048-2023 – To rescind Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-044-2015 (changing the name of the Chief Administrative Officer to Executive Director), and H-022-2023 (approves the modification of the Executive Director's position) – Author/Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi

6. Action Item #049-2023 – 2023 HDOT Contractual

Agreement – Show Low Construction, Inc. – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation

7. Letter dated April 17, 2023 from Andrew Larson, Indian Health Service-Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, RE: Presentation of the Scope, timeline, and Budget Information for the funded Indian Health Projects – Raymond Namoki, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – **Time Certain, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

8. Letter dated April 27, 2023 from Dale Siquah, Water/Energy Committee Chairman, RE: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Near-Term Operations of the Colorado River – Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain, Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

9. Letter dated April 27, 2023 from Dale Siquah, Water/Energy Committee Chairman, RE: Water Rights Negotiation Team (WRNT) report on the consultation and present the team's proposed comments to the draft SEIS that are due to the Federal Government on May 30, 2023 – Dale Siquah, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - **Time Certain, Tuesday, May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

10. Discussion/Possible Action – Memorandum dated March 16, 2023 from Eugene Talas, Chairman, Budget Oversight Team (BOT) to obtain general direction from Tribal Council members for BOT to plan and develop the FY 2024 General Fund Budget - **Time Certain, Monday, May 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Discussion/Possible Action – Memorandum dated April 27, 2023 from Dale Siquah, Chairman, Water/Energy Committee, RE: Attendance at the Colorado River Basin Tribal Coalition meeting on June 7-9, 2023 in Boulder, CO – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovis

12. Discussion/Possible Action – Letter dated April 20, 2023 from Mr. Clyde Qotswisiwma, Chairman, Hopi Election Board, Hopi Tribe, RE: Extension of Terms for Karen L. Shupla's term as Tribal Registrar and two (2) Hopi

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MONTH OF MAY 2023 AGENDA, continued...

- Election Board members terms.
Update on advertisement update on the vacant board positions from the Office of the Tribal Secretary – Ruth Kewanimptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi - **Time Certain, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

13. Ratification of Memorandum dated May 1, 2023 from Herman G. Honanie, Chairman, Hopi Land Commission, RE: Ratification of individuals to the Hopi-Navajo Joint Eagle Commission – Dale Siquah, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
 a. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications – TABLED
11. Health/Education Committee
12. Hopi Pandemic Recovery Committee – Report for April 2023
13. Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation – Annual Review Fiscal Year 2022 – Lucinda Smiley, Chief Executive Officer, HTEDC – Time Certain, Monday, May 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

XII. REPORTS

- 1. Office of the Chairman – Hopi Executive Order No. 001-2023 – Lifting of Face Mask Mandate
- 2. Office of the Vice Chairman
- 3. Office of Tribal Secretary
- 4. Office of the Treasurer
- 5. Office of the General Counsel

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

***Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item
Time Certain Requests

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Submitted by: Andrea Joshevama, Hopi BHS Substance Abuse Clinician

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 11, 2023 Let’s support each other and make it okay to reach out and seek help whenever we need it. It is up to each of us to be a lifeline, sharing in a commitment to care for ourselves and those around us. Our words matter! Itam sosoyom nanami tunaltyawtotini!

If you are feeling distressed, overwhelmed or just need to talk, you can call or text 988 24/7 or 1-844-534-4673. Or come to Hopi BHS for counseling services at 928-737-6300.

Upcoming events: Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) workshop on Thursday, 6/15/23 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Kykotsmovi Youth and Elder Center. Learn about how trauma and toxic stress impacts our overall health. Become proactive and learn ways to break the cycle of trauma and reverse the harsh impacts of toxic stress. To register, email: ciera.hensley@navajocountyaz.gov

May is National “Mental Health Month”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Bernadean Kachinhongva, HSAPC Mentor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - May 10, 2023 The month of May is National “Mental Health Awareness Month”. The H.O.P.I. Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) is recognizing Mental Health awareness month. This is a public health campaign created to educate people on the rise of mental health illnesses worldwide. Under the umbrella of mental health, we would like to focus on highlighting, “Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness” as well this month.

An individual living with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) tends to struggle with a distorted self-image and often feels as if they’re completely worthless or flawed. They may display frequent mood swings, anger, and/or impulsive behaviors. Borderline Personality Disorder is a mental health condition that has been brought to light in recent years. There are some misconceptions about individuals who are living with BPD. Some misconceptions lead to stigma, often leading to avoidance of the individual. Which has an impact on the communities. An individual with BPD needs support and guidance in becoming self-aware. Some possible behavioral signs to help an individual with BPD recognize are impulsive and dangerous lifestyles (spending sprees, unsafe sex, reckless driving, binge eating, gambling, substance abuse, etc.), and intense mood swings. Some BPD symptoms can be similar or overlap with other mental health problems.

Some calming coping skills that can be helpful for someone living with BPD are writing all negative feelings on a paper and tearing it up; Listening to soothing or uplifting music; cuddling a pet; and allowing yourself to cry or sleep for a while. If you or a loved one would like more information on BPD, reach out to your local Mental Health facilities for guidance.

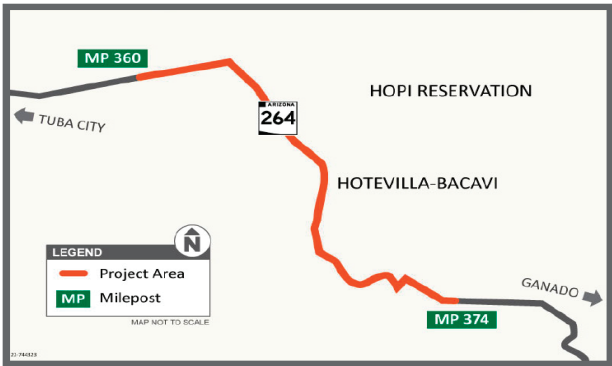
The HSAPC staff recognizes the importance of these awareness’s within our communities. As a grant recipient of Arizona’s Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith, and Family’s - Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (funds provided through SAMHSA), the HSAPC staff receive trauma-informed care training and utilize strategies in our services. HSAPC mentors help individuals work through their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing journey. “We believe in honoring ourselves by living an honest, sober, balanced life.” Healing begins with you!

HSAPC mentors provide one-to-one mentoring services for youth and adults, group classes, community presentations, supportive programs for local schools, and cognitive restructuring for a positive recovery journey. As a non-profit organization, all HSAPC services are free of charge. We encourage all in their recovery journey to take it one day at a time, sometimes it’s one moment at a time. If you feel comfortable reaching out to HSAPC mentors, call 928-734-0300. You can also call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment or call your local Behavioral Health facility.

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SR 264 Pavement Rehabilitation

HOTEVILLA-BACAVI - HOPI RESERVATION



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Arizona Department of Transportation

Phoenix, Ariz. – April 26, 2023 The Arizona Department of Transportation is initiating a pavement rehabilitation project on State Route 264 west of Second Mesa on the Hopi Indian Reservation (mileposts 360-374). The purpose of the project is to extend the life of the pavement and create a smooth driving surface.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

The work will include:

- Removing the existing surface pavement and replacing it with new asphalt.
- Restriping the roadway and other related work.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- SR 264 will be reduced to one lane only in the work zone with alternating east- and westbound travel for a few weeks beginning May 8, 2023.
- Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and a pilot car.
- Restrictions will be in place weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. No weekend work anticipated.
- Once paving work is completed, crews will return 30 days later to stripe the highway.
- Drivers need to be prepared to slow down and stop in the work zone and use caution around construction personnel and equipment while the restrictions are in place.

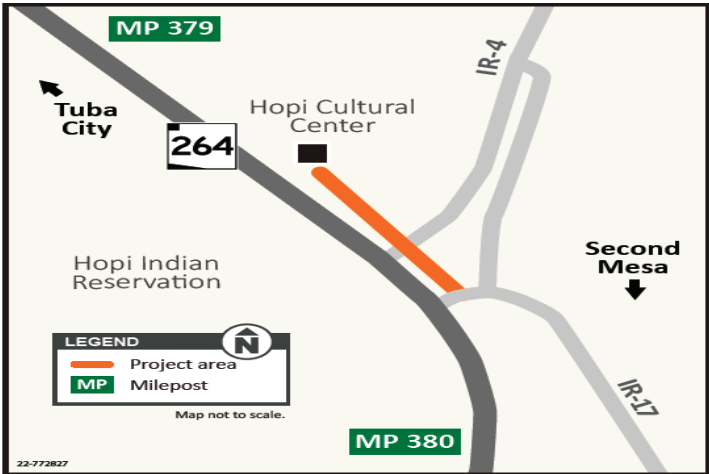
STAY INFORMED

- Email: Sign up to receive timely email notifications on upcoming traffic restrictions by clicking on the “subscribe for updates” link on the project web page.
- Project Web Page: azdot.gov/SR264paving
- Phone: Ryan Harding, ADOT Community Relations Project Manager: 602.550.8397
- Teléfono: Línea Bilingüe Para Información sobre el Proyecto: 855.712.8530
- By mail: ADOT Community Relations c/o Ryan Harding, 1655 W. Jackson St., MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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SR 264/IR-4 Intersection Project



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By: Arizona Department of Transportation

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Phoenix, Ariz. – April 26, 2023 The Arizona Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and Hopi Tribe, has initiated a safety project at the State Route 264/IR-4 intersection to install intersection lighting and construct an asphalt pedestrian pathway with solar lighting.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The \$775,000 project will improve pedestrian safety near the existing roadway by providing lighting and constructing a pedestrian pathway that leads to the Hopi Cultural Center.

The project, located between mileposts 379-380, is expected to be under construction in spring 2023 and completed in fall 2023.

WHAT TO EXPECT

There will be no traffic restrictions or closures as part of this project.

CONTACT US

- Phone: 602.550.8397
- Email: rharding@azdot.gov
- Website: azdot.gov/projects/northeast-district-projects/state-route-264-ir-4-intersection
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The event was facilitated by Deborah Secakuku-Baker, Parent Liaison – Hopi Day School who was joined by a panel of local Hopi school Administrators and School Board members and presented an Agenda listing the following: Welcome Address by Mrs. Kim Thomas, CSA - SMDS, Opening Prayer by Todd Honyouma, HBCS Board President, Introduction of Facilitator by Deborah Baker, Parent Liaison - HDS, PowerPoint Presentation by CSA's and Board Presidents, Questions and Answers by Facilitator and Panel, Announcements by CSA's and Closing Remarks by Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Tribal Chairman.

In addition to providing an Agenda, other materials handed out to attendees included the following:

- Copy of an April 15, 2023 addressed to Hopi Tribal Council RE: ACTION ITEM from TeJay Montgomery, Chief School Administrator and Martha Mase, Board President - Hopi Day School.
- A document titled "POSITION STATEMENT HOPI SCHOOL SYSTEM TRANSITION SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1, 2023"
- Document titled, "HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION H-XXX-YEAR"
- A twenty-three-page response document to the Hopi Board of Education (HBE) Application from the United State Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Education with an Overview section noting, "The purpose of the HBE Education Application Review Document is to provide recommendations, clarification, and feedback prior to the approval determination of the HBE consolidation application. (25U.S.C. §2504 (b)(2)(B)(ii) - other determination and 25 U.S.C. §2504 (e) - Effective date)...In this document, you will see a description of the process and procedure in reviewing the application. An explanation for the recommendations, clarification and verification is provided with corresponding section. Please note, this document is provided for the HBE's purposed and any recommendations to change or modify your application is at the discretion of the Board."
- and a list of all Hopi Tribal Council Members with email addresses for some.

The PowerPoint Presentation provided by the CSA's and Board Presidents included the following individuals on the panel: Robert Toleson - CSA MDS, Doris Honanie MDS Board President, Lori Harding CSA HBCS, Todd Honyouma, Sr. HBCS President, TeJay Montgomery CSA HDS, Martha Mase HDS Board President, Kimberly

Thomas CSA SMDS, Felicia Sewemaenewa SMDS Board President, Alma Sinqwah CSA FMES, Madonna Dawasevaya FMES Board President, Vivian Quanimptewa KCES Board President.

Prior to introducing the Panel, Deborah Baker mentioned a pointed position and notified the attendees that to get to this point in time, with the Hopi Schools becoming unified under one system, the HBE had to apply via application to the BIE - DOI.

Baker then mentioned on pg. 4 of the application which the HBE completed and submitted to the BIE-DOI, there is question no. 29 which states, "Identify the needs as expressed by all affected parties, including but not limited to students, families, tribal government at both the central and local levels, and school organizations" and then noted that the HBE answered the question with, "Not Applicable"

Baker then noted the reason the meeting was called due to the importance of letting the stakeholders know, "...where we are at in terms of this new school system..." She further expressed, to the effect, that to learn that such a question was answered with a response of "Not Applicable" was very concerning since stakeholders are a very important and integral part of a school system and how it is developed and run. She reminded attendees to keep the question and how the HBE answered in mind as they continued on with the Panel presentation.

The presentation started with Madonna Dawasevaya, FMES Board President reading a Press Release dated April 27, 2023 with an updated issue date of 5-1-23 titled, "Hopi Schools To Address the Proposed Hopi School System in A Reservation wide Town Hall" (see pg. 2 for the Press Release)

Most notably was the portion reading, "...a monumental change that has lacked the input from many stakeholders including Hopi students, families and personnel of the aforementioned schools." Baker emphasized that point moments prior.

As described in the Press Release, the Panel members then went one by one in describing their perspectives and concerns about what has been occurring during the transition period leading up to this point in time.

Each Panel member took a turn making statements covering topics such as being "nowhere ready by July 1, 2023..." and being described as "right around the corner." Further mentions included the CSA's noting this time of year being very busy for

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Hopi Schools Townhall attendees enjoying refreshments. Photo by: R. Laban HT



Hopi School staff and volunteers welcome attendees to Townhall. Photo by: R. Laban HT

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - May 12, 2023 Due to transitions occurring in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) the August 26, 2022 COVID 19 report was the latest data being provided for the public.

Hopi Tutuveni was informed by previous Interim DHHS staff that until DHHS and Tribal Leadership determined roles of the Public Health Authority, no reports would be submitted to Hopi Tutuveni.

Hopi Tutuveni Staff and Editorial Board know the importance of providing such important health information to the Hopi public. Since Hopi is still officially under Pandemic status and there are known active COVID cases on Hopi, we continue to welcome updates from DHHS and/or the Hopi H.E.O.C. about that important information which impacts the Hopi public.

Hopi Tutuveni continued republishing the last and latest Covid-19 Report dated August 26, 2022 received from DHHS and up through the third year of the pandemic, in the March 15, 2023 publication. The August 26, 2023 Response report can still be found online at: <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni>

We are pleased to inform the Hopi Tutuveni readership that Joyce Hamilton, a very qualified Hopi woman, with well over twenty years of experience in working with the Hopi Tribe's HDHHS. She has been selected as a new Director, a leader at the helm of HDHHS since April 25, 2023. We appreciate the latest update and submission being provided in response to Hopi Tutuveni's request for this dedicated space for important health information for the Hopi public.

MaskUP
in social
settings

THE HOPI TRIBE

To bring
DOWN
our numbers

Wearing a mask when around others especially in enclosed spaces can prevent the spread of disease and help us reduce the number of cases of COVID-19

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reconfirms mask mandate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: George Joe, Office of Communications - Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp.

Tuba City, Ariz. - May 5, 2023 Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) is reconfirming its mask mandate at all TCRHCC health care locations across the Western region of the Navajo, Hopi, and San Juan-Paiute reservations.

"Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation will continue to have staff, patients and visitors wear masks at all our facilities and clinics," announced CEO Joette Walters.

On Friday May 5th Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren announced a lifting of the mask mandate across the Nation, but that "health care facilities, nursing homes, and schools can do so under their own guidelines."

Health care facilities regularly see patients with possible COVID symptoms. Masks help prevent all respiratory viruses -- not just COVID -- and help keep healthcare workers and patients healthy and safe.

COVID vaccinations and testing are still available at the TCRHCC drive-up vaccine clinic near the entrance of the TCRHCC campus from Monday to Friday 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation is a Joint Commission accredited 73-bed health center that provides services to a 6,000 square mile area and serves as a referral center for the western region of the Navajo, Hopi, and San Juan-Paiute Reservations. TCRHCC is a P.L. 93-638 health care facility and operates the Sacred Peaks Clinic in Flagstaff, Ariz. and LeChee Healthy Facility near Page, Ariz.

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Hopi Department of Health and Human Services Update

Submitted by: Joyce Hamilton, Director - CHR Manager/DHHS Director - Department of Health & Human Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 12, 2023 As we move into the season of celebrations for promotions and graduations let’s not forget that the COVID-19 virus continues to lurk among our community. While numbers from the Indian Health Services showcase a significant decline in COVID-19 positive cases, the public is encouraged to be cognizant of taking preventative measures to protect yourself and your family against the virus.

The downward trends of the COVID-19 in the United States has prompted an ending to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023. The ending of the COVID-19 PHE is not quite ready to be lifted on the Hopi reservation with the exception of Executive Order No. 001-2023 Lifting of Face Mask Mandate.

On April 26, 2023 the Hopi Tribe signed Executive Order No. 001-2023 authorizing lifting of the existing mask mandate for Hopi communities and public spaces. The decision to lift the face mask mandate was prompted by clinical population health metrics which indicates the current level of COVID-19 positive cases for our population to be “low.”

The Executive Order “highly recommends” that everyone 5 years of age and older complete an updated booster series of the COVID-19 vaccine to increase the vaccination rates to ensure Tribal member are protected from the virus. Vaccinations against the COVID-19 virus can protect against serious illness and prevent hospitalization if one should contract the virus.

The Hopi Tribe will remain in Phase-3 re-opening status which incorporates a phased approach to addressing the COVID-19 case data as work continues with partners from the IHS-Hopi Health Care Center, Tuba City Health Care Cooperation, and Winslow Health Care Center.

The ongoing data monitoring, analysis and assessments of case numbers will allow Tribal Leadership to make decisions and build a foundation to determine next steps in the near future that are in the best interest of the Hopi people.

While masking is now optional for villages, businesses and schools, it is recommended to carry face masks as a few business entities have continued the face mask mandate. Plans are in the works from Indian Health Services and the Hopi Tribal Department of Health Services to coordinate vaccination drives to increase the COVID-19 vaccination rates for Hopi Tribal Employees and villages.

Individuals who are experiencing symptoms are encouraged to get tested and anyone testing positive for COVID-19 virus must continue to wear a face mask to protect others around you and most importantly staying at home.

Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 virus should continue to follow standard recommendations for isolation and avoid contact with others to avoid further spread of the virus. The Hopi Tribe Community Health Representative (CHR) program, housed at the Hopi Health Care Center, will continue to provide face masks and COVID-19 home test kits for the community. Vaccinations are available at the Hopi Health Care Center, contact the Hopi Health Care center to schedule an appointment by calling (928)737-6148 as vaccination clinic days and times vary.



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Tawatiyo KUYI Hopi Radio DJ Interviews Kellen “Runntuff” Lomayestewa *Hopi Runner Completes 250-mile Cocodona Run*



Pictured above: Tawatiyo, KUYI Hopi Radio DJ interviewing Kellen “Runntuff” Lomayestewa about completing the 250-mile Cocodona Run. Photo courtesy: R. Laban, HT

By: Romalita Laban, Hopi Tutuveni

Second Mesa, Ariz. – May 12, 2023 Hopi Tutuveni popped into “sister media outlet” KUYI Hopi Radio 88.1FM, located at the Second Mesa Junction of AZ Highway 264 and 87, on this beautiful May 12th morning to capture some live photo shots of Tawatiyo KUYI DJ conducting an interview with Kellen Runntuff Lomayestewa - Hopi runner.

Lomayestewa recently completed the five-day, 250 mile Cocodona Run held May 1-6, 2023 and covering parts of Hopitutskwa, in Northeastern Arizona. Lomayestewa was accompanied at the interview by one of his biggest supporters during the run, his wife - Keesha Lomayestewa.

He reached his first 100 miles nearby Mingus, Ariz. which marked one of the longest distances he had run in his life. He shared in his words, “I struggled going up Mingus Mountain...and I made it to the top...then ran from Mingus to Jerome...” He continued, “...then I got to the top and leveled out when I reached Jerome...”

When asked how he felt when he reached the finish line he shared, “...happy, relieved...like a whole lot of...I guess...pride. It was a tough run.”

Tawatiyo stated, “Your supporters were all there?” and Lomayestewa responded, “Yeah it was 4 o’clock in the morning...everyone was yelling around.”

Tawatiyo asked what stood out from, a Hopi perspective of teachings from uncles, family and others, while he



Pictured above: (l-r) Keesha Lomayestewa showing moral support for her husband, Kellen “Runntuff” Lomayestewa being interviewed. Photo courtesy: R. Laban, HT was completing this goal. Lomayestewa summarized that with a lot of what we do in life, we may not plan it all the way out but somehow we get it done with a lot of hard work.

He also shared that, “...it was pretty strange the whole time I was out there...people were trying to message me... came to a point...at like 2 o’clock in the morning and I dropped another glove.” He continued, “...right off the bat I took the wrong turn but got back on the trail...got back in the trees...trying to see the sky...”

He also described feeling strange in “no man’s land” and texted his wife, Keesha, messaging, “I think I’m all by myself out here.” At one point he turned on his phone and found “all these messages came through, encouraging me.”

He also described what it felt like after running so long that one might start hallucinating. He described a moment when he over tree stumps and saw turkey feathers and started thinking, “Maybe those were all the prayers people were sending.”

Tawatiyo mentioned that such an experience is sure to be one that Lomayestewa will hold close for a long time before asking if there were last comments Kellen would like to share with the listening audience.

Kellen encouraged all the youth to keep going strong, to be committed and that he hopes to be able to see someone else conquer a 250-mile, as well. Big congrats to Kellen for completing such an awesome feat.

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HOPi WORDS

Tuwi'ya - Able (skillful)

Yuki'at - Accomplishment

Tukopna - Accuse

Hintsakpi - Activity

Pu'ason - Afterward

Qe'ti - Back out of

Novaki - Bakery

Tuptsiwni - Belief

Kwusiva - Bring

Pàato - Burst

Pitanakts - Cap/Hat

Sikiki - Car (Auto)

Kansulmongwi - Chairman

Namora - Choice

Iyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)

Kyesmismuyaw - December

Pö'i'ya - Debt (Have)

Öqala - Determined

Alögö - Different

Hötsiwa - Doorway

Hiihiko - Drink

Nan'ip - Each (of two)

Tutuqayiw - Education

Töövü - Ember

Tumal'aya - Employee

Tunatya - Endeavor

Naatsiki - Factionalize

Qöppö - Fire place

Saavu - Fire wood

Tuuqayta - Fluent

Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)

Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)

Sivaqöppö - Heater

Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life

Nü'okwa - Kind Hearted

Ngahu - Medicine

Muytala - Moon Light

Tömö - Season (Winter)

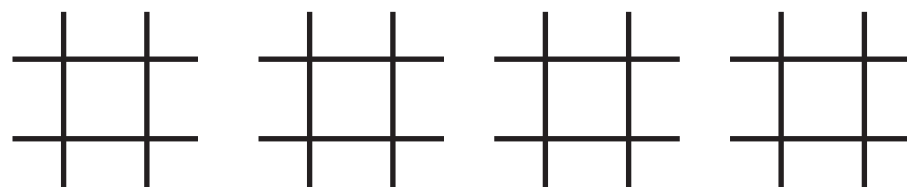
Nuvati - Snowed

Nawini - Suggestion

Tsangaw - Thank Goodness

Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)

Hihiiyà - Wow!

TICK-TACK-TOE

Efforts are underway to build American Indian Veterans Memorial



By: Paula Pedene - Arizona Republic

Phoenix, Ariz. - March 31, 2023 Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces at five times the national average. For a community that has persevered through decades of challenges, Native Americans – also called American Indians – have remained steadfast in their defense of the United States as members of the Armed Forces for centuries. So, it is only natural they would wish to keep that military service heritage alive for future generations.

Kent Ware Sr., a highly decorated World War II veteran and respected elder of the Kiowa tribe, dreamed of building a memorial to honor the American Indian veterans of all wars. He founded the American Indian Veterans Memorial Organization (AIVMO) to provide a place for veterans, their families, loved ones, and survivors to gather and pay tribute to living and deceased military members. AIVMO was granted a site to build the Memorial at Steele Indian School Park under a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Phoenix, Parks, and Recreation Department.

Renowned Hopi artist, veteran, and Phoenix Indian School graduate Dennis Numekena designed the Memorial to capture the spirit of the eagle and incorporate the four elements of creation: fire, water, earth, and air. Using these ceremonial elements in the design gives it a sense of American Indian spirituality to guide bringing the spirits of all be-

loved warriors home. The Memorial will be built at the west end of Steele Indian School Lake. The original architectural design has been altered slightly by Navajo architect Richard Begaye, a partner of SPS+Architecture, to fit the site better.

Although the original project lay dormant for years after Kent Ware Senior's death, his son Kent Ware is reviving the effort to build the Memorial, which costs about \$700,000.

"My dad was a top turret gun runner in a B17 World War II bomber. His military service was important to him, and he felt that since the Indian School was gone, he wanted his descendants to be able to recognize American Indian Veterans. We're working to keep his vision going," Ware says.

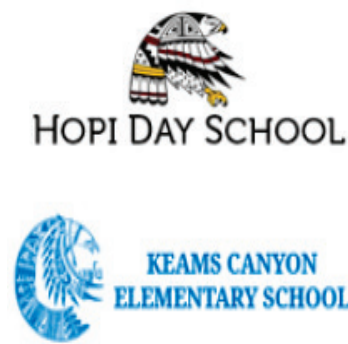
Their team has already raised \$350,000 to build the Memorial. One of the key supporters is Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Vice President Ricardo Leonard. His tribe is contributing along with the Tohono O'odham Nation, the Gila River Indian Community, and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Individuals can support the Memorial by purchasing personalized bricks for \$150.00 each. These bricks, which can have up to three lines of inscription, will be laid in a particular area of the Memorial.

You can donate or purchase a brick for the AIVMO, a 501c3 nonprofit, by calling 480-951-2910 or going online at <https://aivmoaz.org/>.



Second Mesa Day School Hosts Reservation Wide Townhall Meeting to Address the Proposed Hopi School System Slated to Begin July 1, 2023, *contin...*



Stakeholder completing survey online. Photo by: R. Laban



Panel Members Presenting at Townhall Meeting. Photo by: R. Laban

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schools as staff contracts and budgets need to be considered and completed and noted that they are not totally against consolidation but that concerns and questions have yet to be answered by the HBE.

Panel members also notified attendees the monumental task of bringing six schools together. They described the efforts as being influenced by their concerns and to achieve bringing this information before their constituents and to include them in the process of creating a consolidated school system. Some described the achievement as one the HBE could have been attempting but has not been fully successful during the transition period.

Other topics of concern included the lack of a central office which has yet to be set up, staffed with policies created and shared with stakeholders. One panel member mentioned that, "For two years they keep movin gdates for the modulars to be acquired, set up and now we are looking at August and not July..."

It was pointed out that one school wasn't present, however, the group presenting was not given an exact reason for the non-attendance. One presenter, however, mentioned they were guessing it had to do with a Level III Sanction being instituted by the BIE-DOI against that school, being Hopi Jr./Sr. High School.

Other concerns and topics continued around the impacts waivers might have on the students, special education needs, transportation and post-Pandemic trauma the students may experience.

It was expressed that thus far the topics of discussion had been about the adult concerns but that "we need to focus on the students, the impacts on the families, staff have not received salary scales..." The loss of local control of the schools was also an impact that needed to be considered and that by going with a central school system, it's like reverting back to how BIE was running schools.

The FMES Board President reminded everyone that July 1, 2023 is "just fifty-one days away" just before Deborah Baker emphasized why she and others have "chosen to make a stand" by expressing, "...the need to focus on the students...so that they can thrive academically, socially, critically, to mold our students into life-long learners..."



Chairman Nuvangyaoma Closing Remarks. Photo by: R. Laban HT



She then mentioned that the HBE issued a Factsheet and it "came out yesterday and they are still working on policies and procedures..." She then asked the attendees, "Where is your voice in this?" She emphasized that the group is not asking the efforts to be stopped but rather paused for two years to allow more time to ensure a good quality system is in place for the students, staff and communities overall.

The Q&A portion of the agenda continued and volunteers were gathering and presenting to Baker, who as the Facilitator noted that all questions and survey results will be recorded and shared with the constituents.

Questions presented included such topics as curriculum, Employee concerns, SPED services for students, why it took the schools two years to finally address their concerns in this manner, whether or not schools have held meetings about these topics, has the HBE/Transition Team met with the schools, and who is the HBE. This list is not exhaustive of all those asked and the panel did answer all questions that pertained to the schools. Any questions which needed to be answered by the HBE were described as that.

Prior to turning the mic over for Closing Remarks, Baker encouraged those in attendance to contact the Hopi Tribal Council members in writing and by phone at the local level. She also encouraged all to practice their civic duties in support of education by staying in touch with County, State and U.S. representatives, as well.

Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma provided closing remarks by supporting Baker's statements about contacting Hopi Tribal Council members and acknowledged four other Council members and Vice Chairman Andrews in the audience. Chairman also supported what was mentioned about the HJSHS sanctions and mentioned having received correspondence about the issue. He reminded the audience to become involved for the sake of the students and that Council members do not only represent the Villages that elected or appointed them; they represent all the Hopi people. Chairman also suggested in order to get the Action Item presented, the group might inquire about getting support from Council to get the item placed on the Tribal Council Agenda by way of suspending the rules, since July 1, 2023 is so near.

Attendees were thanked for the attendance and encouraged to contact their local schools for more information.

For Native entrepreneurs by Native entrepreneurs: Change Labs’ entrepreneurship hub prepares to open its doors in Tuba City



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuba City, Ariz. — April 27, 2023 Change Labs is cutting the ribbon on its 1,400-square-foot entrepreneurship hub and coworking space in Tuba City. The hub is the first of its kind to support business owners, creatives and self-employed entrepreneurs on the Navajo Nation.

The entrepreneurship hub will provide a permanent home for Change Labs’ business workshops, coaching sessions and incubation services. It also hosts a drop-in office for existing and aspiring entrepreneurs to ask questions and seek help in setting up and running a business on the reservation. The hub facilities include free work desks, internet, a copy and scan center, an event space, and a meeting room that users can book for team, client and vendor meetings.

The hub is open to the public. Anyone living on, running a business, or interested in starting a business on the reservation will have access to the hub’s facilities and services, as well as Change Labs’ trainings and workshops.

“The opening of our first entrepreneurship hub has been a long time in the making and fills a deep and urgent need on the reservation. Finally entrepreneurs, creatives, and makers have a space to gather, work, learn, meet their peers and find support in making their ideas and visions a reality,” said Change Labs co-founder and executive director, Heather Fleming.

“The hub is a symbol of our intended permanency in the community. By cutting the ribbon on this space, Change Labs is saying that we are here as a Native resource led by Native people for Native people,” said Change Labs co-founder, Jessica

Stago.

The new entrepreneurship hub was made possible by the generous support of the Flora Family Foundation, the Kauffman Foundation, Common Future, the Reis Family Foundation and Grand Canyon Trust.

Meeting a community need

Change Labs identified the need for a shared resource center based on common and recurring business challenges raised by the entrepreneurs attending its entrepreneurial workshops and events, which Change Labs has been hosting on the Navajo Nation since 2014.

“The most common question we heard was about how to navigate the business set up and regulatory process. The second most common question was about where business owners could find a desk to work, or access a printer, or pick up a form they needed,” said Fleming. “It was clear that what was needed to address most of these issues was a one-stop shop where people could work and ask for advice.”

The hub took five years to come to fruition. The journey to reaching opening day reflects the myriad of the challenges that many Indigenous entrepreneurs face in launching and running their businesses, particularly with land permitting and leasing.

“The issue of land and space is one of the most persistent obstacles for our communities’ prosperity. For those who want to establish and run a business or organization on the reservation, it’s often difficult and time-consuming to find physical space, then figure out what’s required and navigate bureaucracy,” Stago said.

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“We have such admiration for those who try, much less succeed. It’s a testament to the incredible will, determination and fortitude of the entrepreneurs in our community,” added Fleming.

By anchoring resources locally, Change Labs’ vision for the hub is to create a space that nurtures a sense of possibility and opportunity of becoming an entrepreneur on the reservation. The organization hopes community members will feel empowered to design businesses and organizations that embody Indigenous values and promote economic resilience and growth by serving the Hopi and Navajo communities.

Government estimates have pegged unemployment on the reservation at around 50%, noted Fleming. “We think a big portion of that number may be sole-proprietors—food vendors, artisans and jewelers who don’t think of themselves as entrepreneurs. These are model Native entrepreneurs, because they do it for the love of the craft or to feed their families, not because they’re looking for an exit strategy or to amass a fortune.”

“We know that entrepreneurship is built into the resiliency of our community,” added Stago. “We also know that given the right resources, Indigenous entrepreneurs will lead us into a more positive future. In that way, the new hub represents our past, our present, and our future.”

The grand opening of the Change Labs entrepreneurship hub in Tuba City, Ariz. is on Friday, June 16, 2023 and starts at 10:00 a.m. MT. For more information, visit the Change Labs website.



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