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Helping Navajo Nation Students Adversely Affected by School Closures Across the Navajo Nation, the Department of Diné Education Cancels Local Testing During National Emergency

WINDOW ROCK, AZ - In response COVID-19 Emergency declaration for the Navajo Nation and the United States and to protect students' health and safety, the Department of Diné Education and the Office of Standards, Curriculum & Assessment Development, Window Rock, AZ is hereby notifying all Grant, Contract, Public and BIE Schools that the Oral Navajo Language Culture-Test-Standard Based Assessment (ONLC-T-SBA) is hereby waived for the Spring 2020 Assessment dates of March 30-April 24, 2020.

Additionally, the Department of Dine Education will continue to speak with state and local leaders to identify any additional needed flexibilities for the remainder of the year for additional Navajo Nation Assessments such as Diné Language Proficiency Assessment for the Fall 2020 or as long as the emergency declaration is in effect.

The U.S. Department of Education continues to update www.ed.gov/coronavirus with information for students, parents, educators and local leaders about how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as the Department of Dine Education website, which can be accessed here: <http://navajonationdode.org/>

For additional resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about COVID-19, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

If you have any further questions on this matter, you may contact me at extension 7475.

Sincerely,

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