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Council Approves Education Departments Proposal to Work with Arizona State University on Three Grant Projects.

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San Carlos Apache Reservation – By Resolution No. JN-19-108 the San Carlos Council approved an agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University and the Tribe related to the Success in Indian Education: Pathways Project, Construction in Indian Country Assistance Program, and the One People-One Nation Apache Language Project.

In presenting the three agreements, the San Carlos Education Director. Ms. Flora Talas, stated.

“The STEP: Pathways Conference will provide a launching point for ASU’s partnership with the San Carlos Apache Community. The conference will entail college and career readiness workshops and interaction with current Arizona State University students, alumni, and community members. The workshops will inform students and their parents about the support
they will receive while attending the university. Following the conference, the Tribe plans to continue to work with Arizona State University and the local schools so our junior high and high school students have more opportunities to identify professional and technical careers that are of interest to them, while academically preparing them for their chosen career, building resilience so they overcome the challenges they will face, and providing college and career planning. “Ms. Talas emphasized “the goal of Success Through Education: Pathways is to prepare San Carlos Apache students so they master the Arizona Academic Standards; are prepared for, enroll, and succeed in post-secondary educational programs; and apply their learning both in their studies and to everyday life so they are personally and academically prepared for the 21st century.” Success Through Education: Pathways is a four year grant funded by the US Department of Education,

ASU’s Construction in Indian Country Program (CIIC) will assist the San Carlos Housing Authority (SCHA) housing revitalization projects. With assistance from students and professors from the School of Del E. Webb Construction Management and CIIC’s network of industry partners and professionals the program will provide informative construction sessions, construction projects management workshops, and training sessions for key projects personnel, community members, students, and invited guests. The purpose is to promote, recruit and train Tribal members who are interested in working in the construction industry and construction projects management on tribal lands and in the San Carlos Apache Tribal Community.

The third project presented by Ms. Talas was the One People-One Nation Apache Language Project. The San Carlos Apache Tribe received a grant from the US Department of
Education to implement this three-year initiative. The goal is to develop Apache Language proficiency among the San Carlos Indian students in grades pre K to Grade Four (4) that will lead to enhancement of the Apache culture in everyday life.

*One People – One Nation* incorporates the development of assessments and an exciting curriculum and teacher recruitment and training. Although the program initially focuses on grades preK to grade 4, as the school based instruction is developed, the project will provide learning opportunities to students at the Middle and High school levels.

In addition, *One People-One Nation* will work with its partners to provide activity-based learning opportunities in the community so students are immersed in the Apache Language. This can include students developing programming, materials, and resources that are then used in projects associated activities.

Chairman Terry Rambler said

“The council finds that the proposed addition will greatly enhance the understanding between the Tribe and ASU by better serving the community’s interest. The Council extends the appreciation of the Tribe to the President of ASU and the Arizona Board of Regents for their invaluable assistance provided to the Tribe the agreement.”

The Executive Director of the Tribes Education Department will provide regular updates as to the progress of each grant. If you have any questions regarding the three projects, please contact the Education Director Flora Talas at (928) 473-2336.

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