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### **NNHRC Urges Navajo Citizens to Vote in New Mexico School Board Elections on Tuesday**

ST. MICHAELS, Navajo Nation—The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission urges Navajo citizens in McKinley county of New Mexico to vote in tomorrow’s school board election.

The Navajo Nation’s proposed redistricting maps provided Native Americans in McKinley County of the Gallup McKinley County School District an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice in accordance to the Voting Rights Act. GMCS D’s regular school election will take place on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

“We, at the Commission, worked diligently to ensure Navajo voting strength is protected,” said NNHRC Executive Director Leonard Gorman in a previous press release. “NNHRC drew redistricting maps to ensure that Navajo voters elect a candidate of their choice.”

The indicator that Navajos elect their candidate of choice is a larger Navajo voting age population turning out to vote. With that, NNHRC encourages Navajos who are of voting age to find their election polling station and vote.

“The Navajo Nation’s involvement with the United States redistricting of election districts from the congressional level to the school board level was to keep Navajos voting rights intact,” said Gorman. “Get out and vote.”

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