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Dear Mrs. Castillo, To'Hajiilee School Board Members, and To'Hajiilee Staff and Students,

On behalf of the Department of Diné Education, please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Larry Holman. I extend my sincere sympathy to his family, colleagues, students, and the entire To'Hajiilee community during this time of loss.

Mr. Holman was an exceptional staff member, a respected pioneer, and a lifelong advocate for tribal education. He carried himself with integrity, professionalism, and unwavering dedication. He was widely known as someone who was dependable, trustworthy, and true to his word—qualities that strengthened the work of those around him and left a lasting impression on the many lives he touched.

Throughout his years of service, Mr. Holman consistently demonstrated a commitment to supporting Navajo students and advancing educational opportunities for future generations. His contributions extended well beyond the classroom and workplace, as he generously shared his knowledge, guidance, and leadership not only with To'Hajiilee Community School, Inc., but also with generations of staff and students throughout his career. His legacy will remain evident in the continued growth, strength, and success of the community he served so faithfully.

While his passing is a profound loss, Mr. Holman's life work and dedication to education will continue to shine through the staff, students, and families who benefited from his support, advocacy, and mentorship. He will be greatly missed, and his impact will not be forgotten.

Please also know that Superintendent Ms. Claudia Edgewater and Mr. Franklin send their deepest condolences to the To'Hajiilee community during this difficult time.

If a memorial service or gathering will be held in honor of Mr. Holman, please let us know, as we would appreciate the opportunity to attend and offer support in any way possible.

Respectfully,

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