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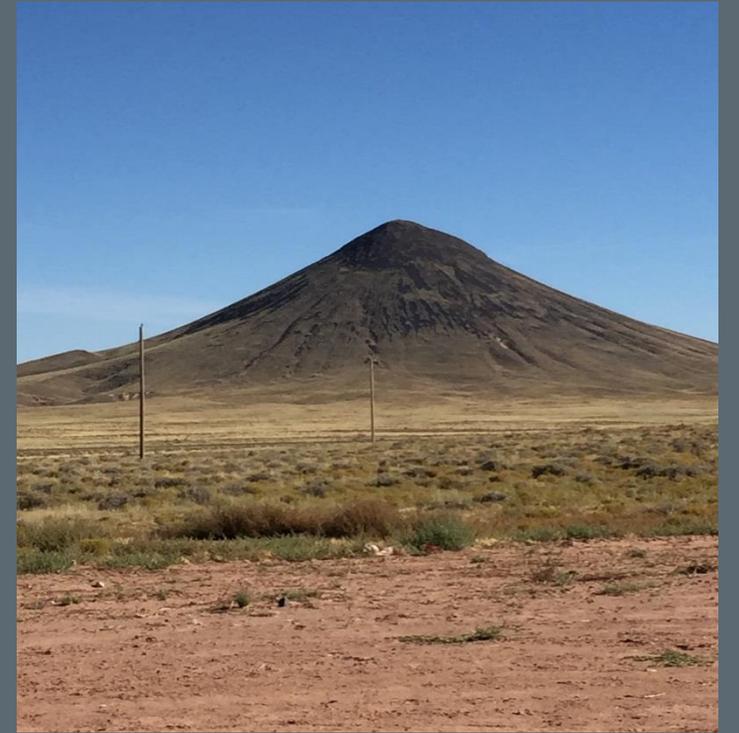
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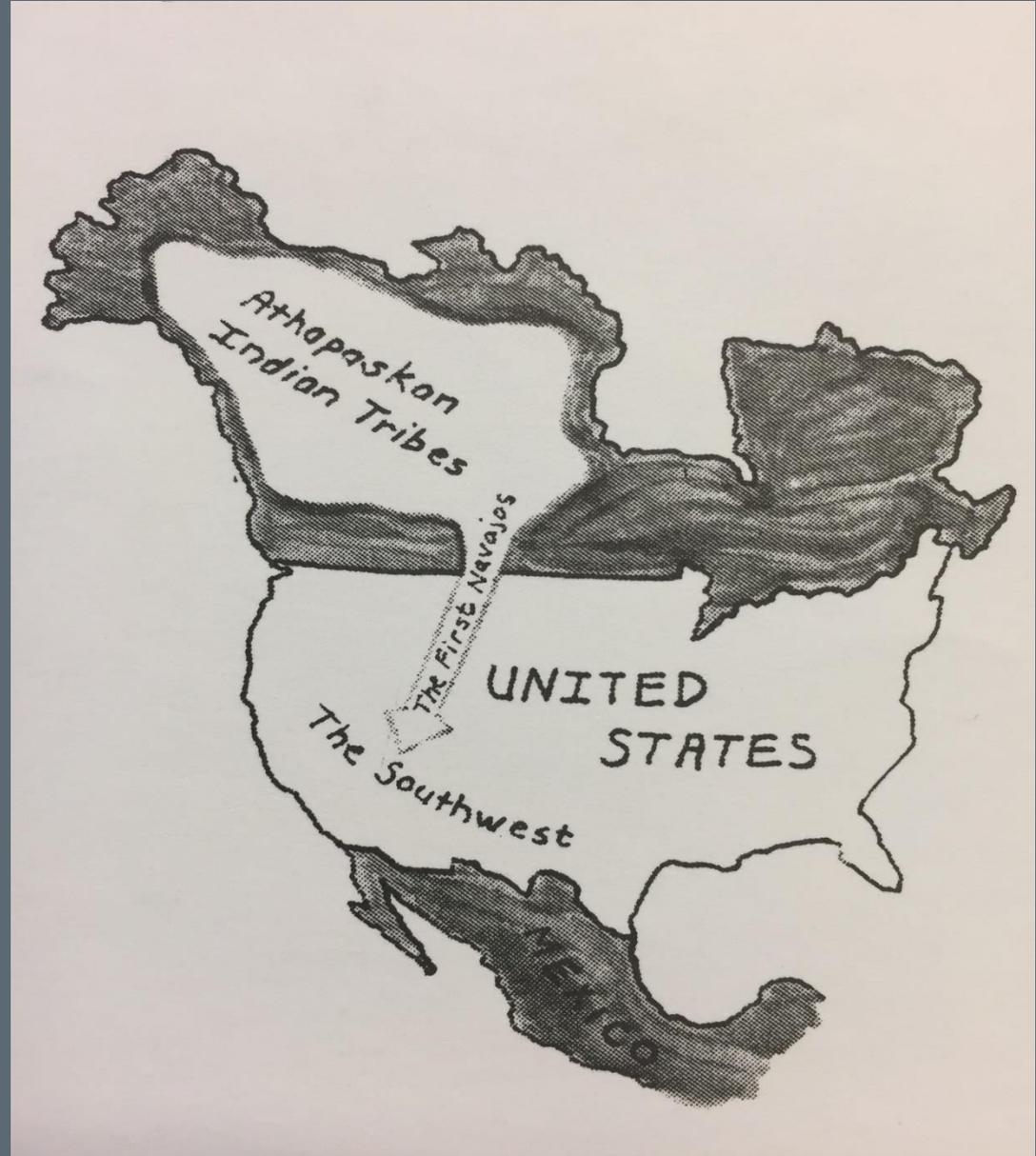
We are revitalizing the Navajo Language at Winslow High School



Yá'at'ééh Shikeí dóó Shidine'é. Shiéiya Nathan Brady yinishyé. 'Adóone' nishłínigii éi 'Áshijíhi nishłi. Tó'aheedliinii 'éi bashishchíin. Tó tsohnii 'éidashicheii, naana, Bit'ahnii 'éi dashinalí. 'Akót'éego'éi dinééh nishłi.

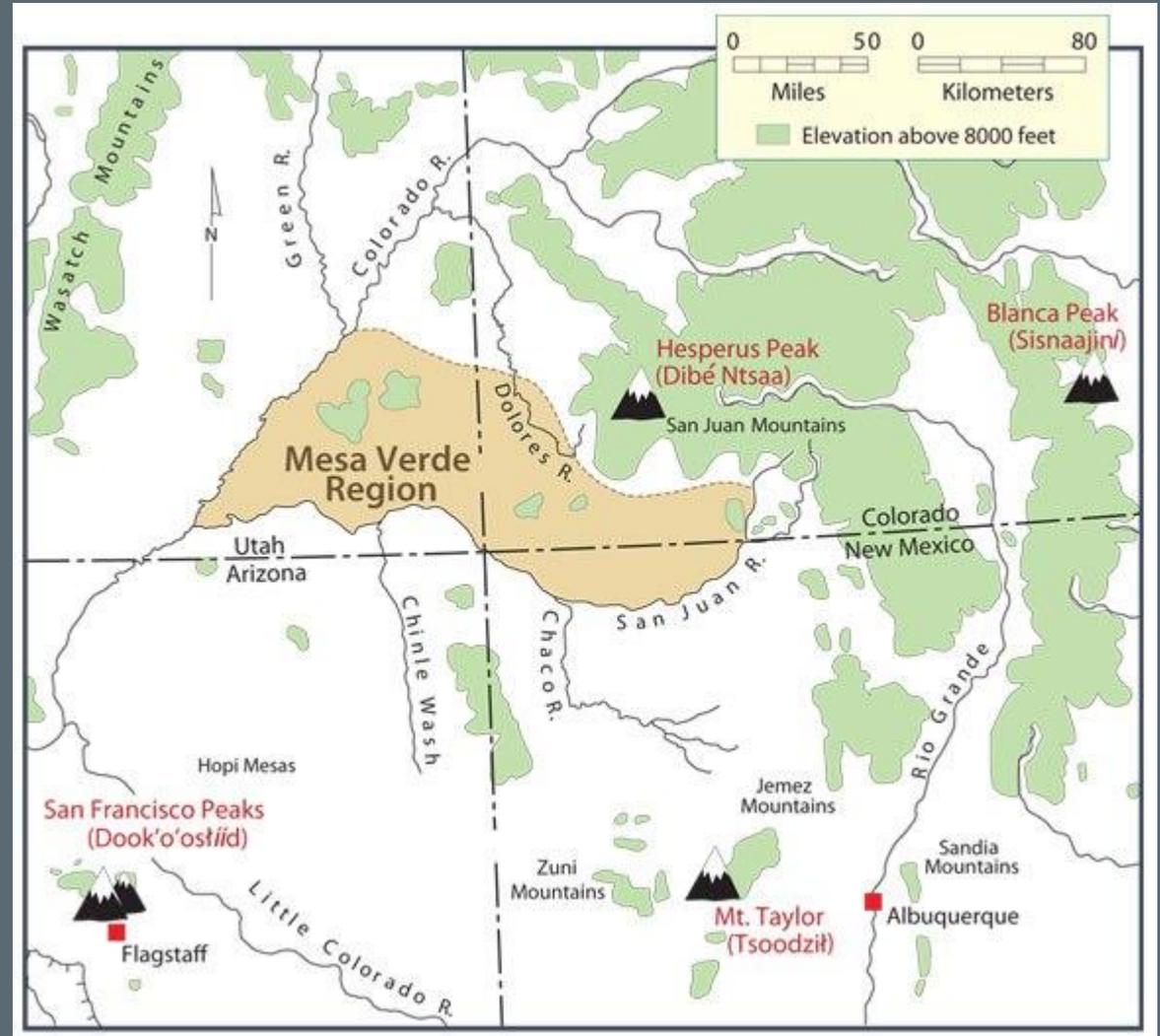
Diné – The People

Scientists believe that the Navajo migrated down from Northern Canada around the year 1300..... They believed that the Navajo belonged to an American Indian group called the Athapaskans



Diné – The People

Traditional Navajo Teachings, thru storytelling, from generation to generation tells how First Man, First Woman, the Holy People and all the animals of earth came up to this world from the three different worlds below. Establishing the four sacred mountains, which provided a boundary for Dinétah.



Winslow High School Enrollment Summary

710 Total Population
427 American Indian or Alaskan Native

392 *Diné*
Male- 191
Female-201

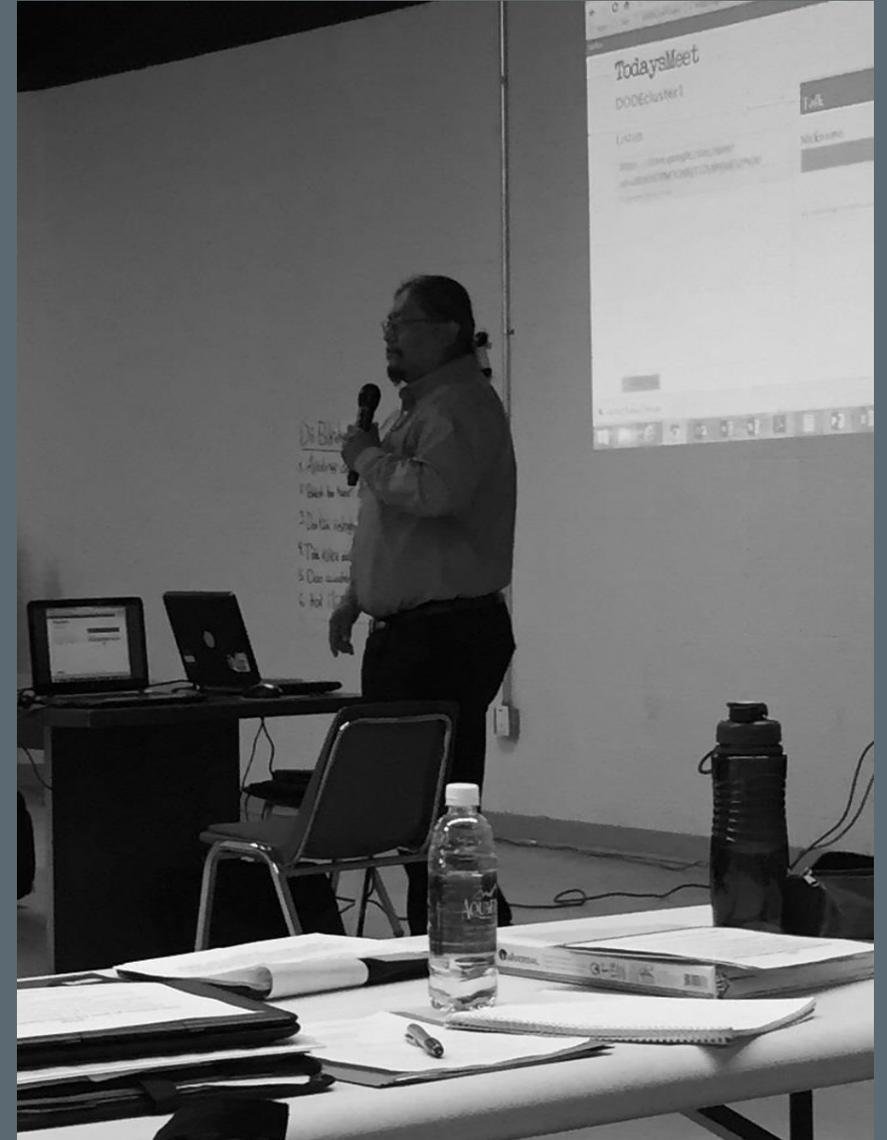


Where to begin? How to implement?

- Chapter visits with grassroots leaders
- Conversations with elders
- Local ceremonies
- Waiting room at Indian Health Service

- Buy in from Administration.....
- Ownership from Students
- Support from Parents
- Acknowledgement from Staff

- **Thank you to Chris Descheenie, during the last NN Presidential race, he brought out a rejuvenated learning of the Navajo Language*



Parent Needs Assessment

Navajo Language I/II I am completing this survey as a: Parent ___ Guardian ___ Grandparent ___

Parent Assessment My child is currently in the (grade) : 9th ___ 10th ___ 11th ___ 12th ___

My home chapter is located in: _____

Instructions: For questions 1-8, please respond by either circling “Yes” or “No”.

Do you believe that the Diné language is at risk of being lost?	Yes	No
Do you feel that Diné language/culture learning is a school responsibility?	Yes	No
Do you believe that the Diné culture should be integrated into the school curriculum?	Yes	No
Do believe that knowledge of the Diné culture builds good character (caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness)	Yes	No
Are you satisfied with the Diné language program at the high school?	Yes	No
Are you satisfied with the Diné culture program at the high school?	Yes	No
Would you consider a Diné language class to be beneficial to you?	Yes	No
Would you consider a Diné culture class to be beneficial to you?	Yes	No

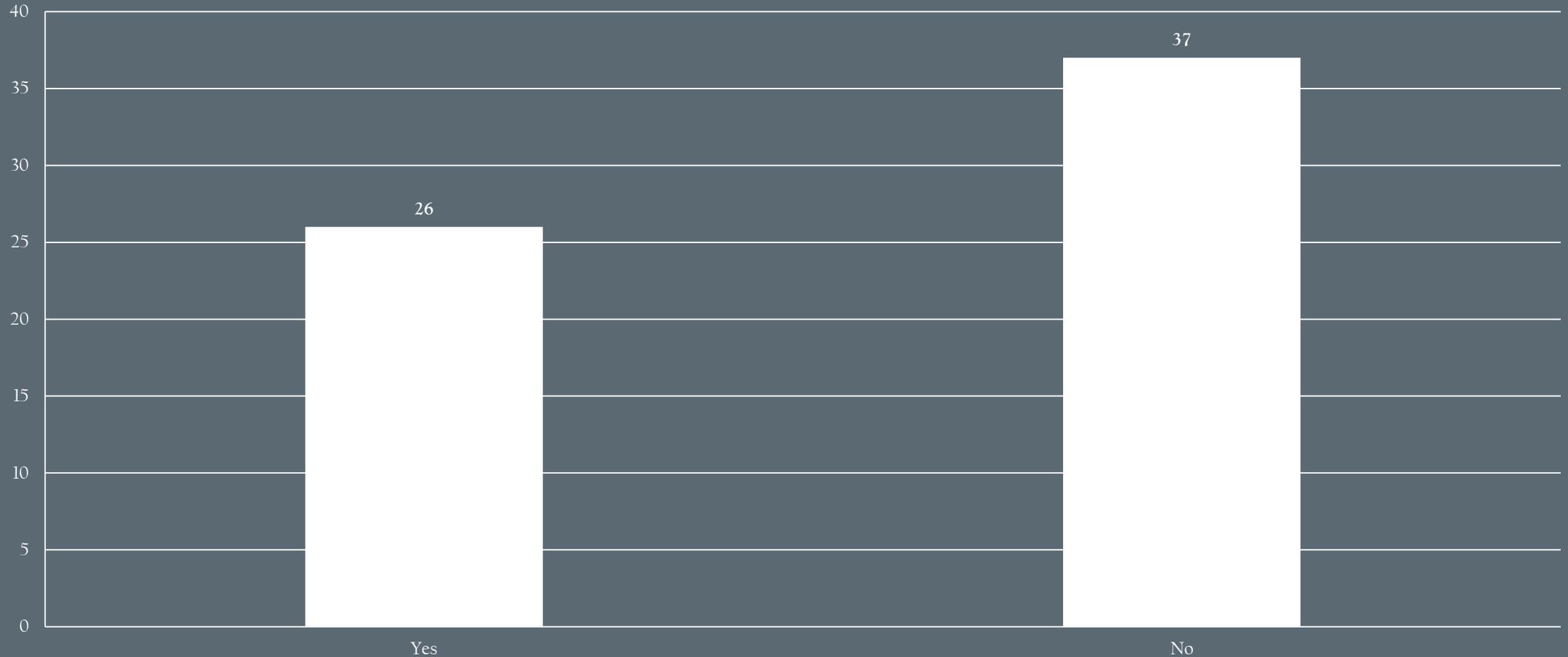
Results of the Parent Assessment

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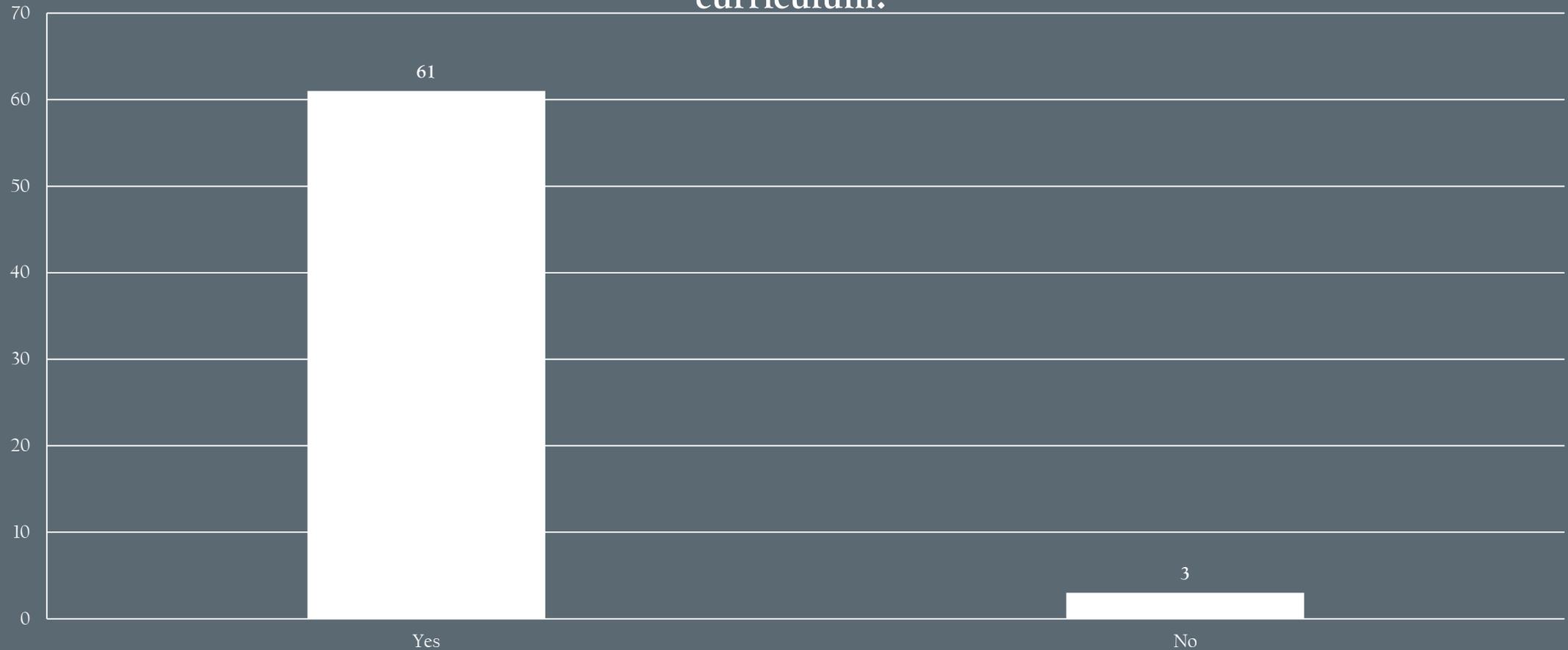
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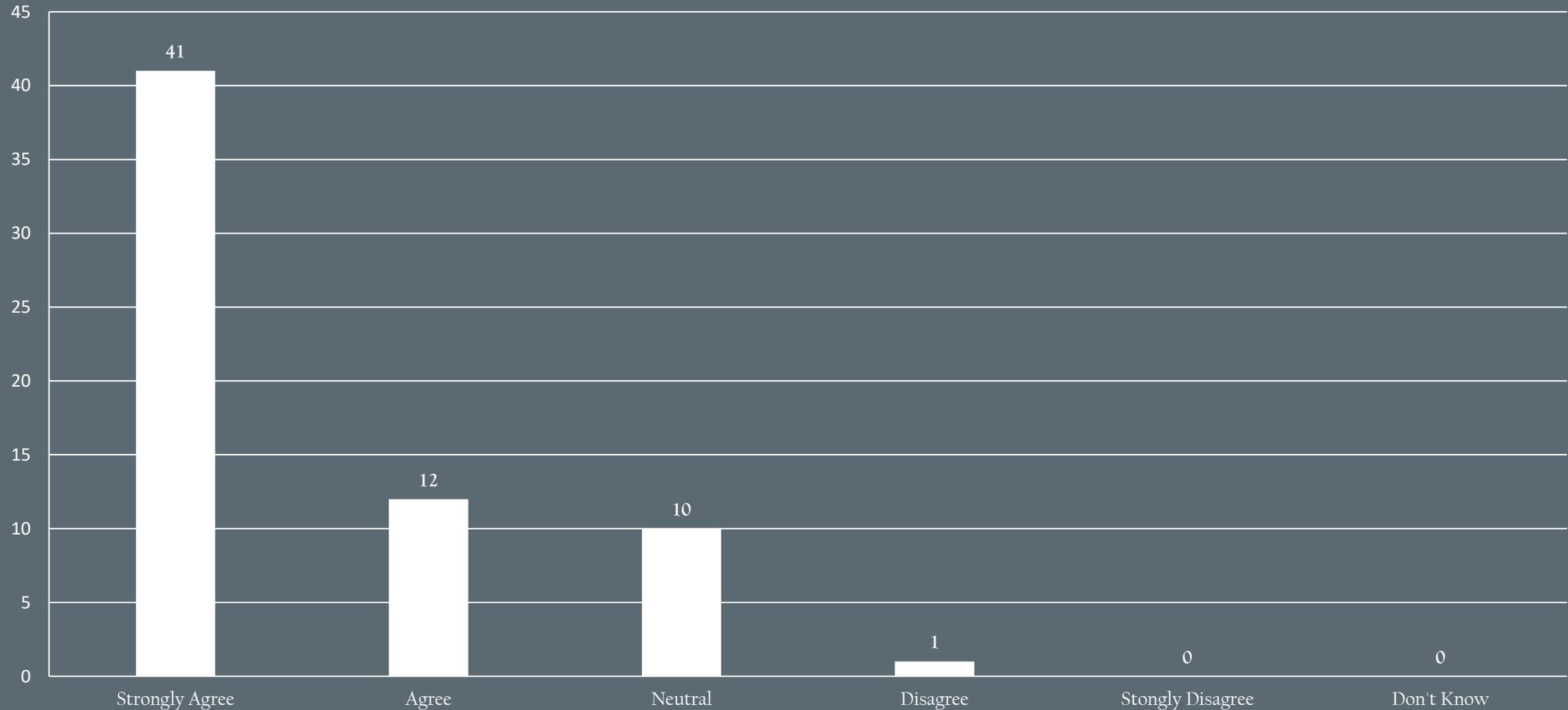
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Do you believe that knowledge of the Diné culture builds good character?



Results of the Parent Assessment

The Diné language/culture is important in schools today

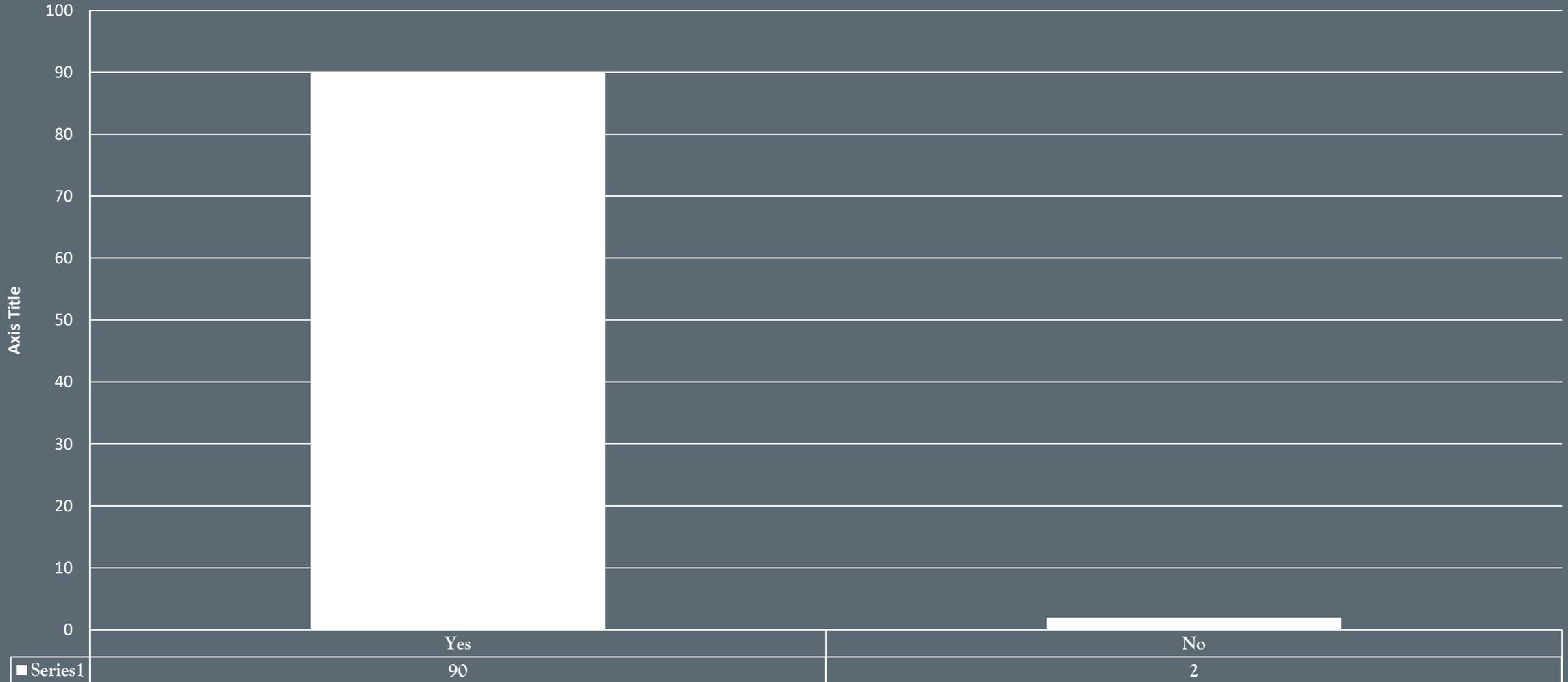


Student Needs Assessment.....



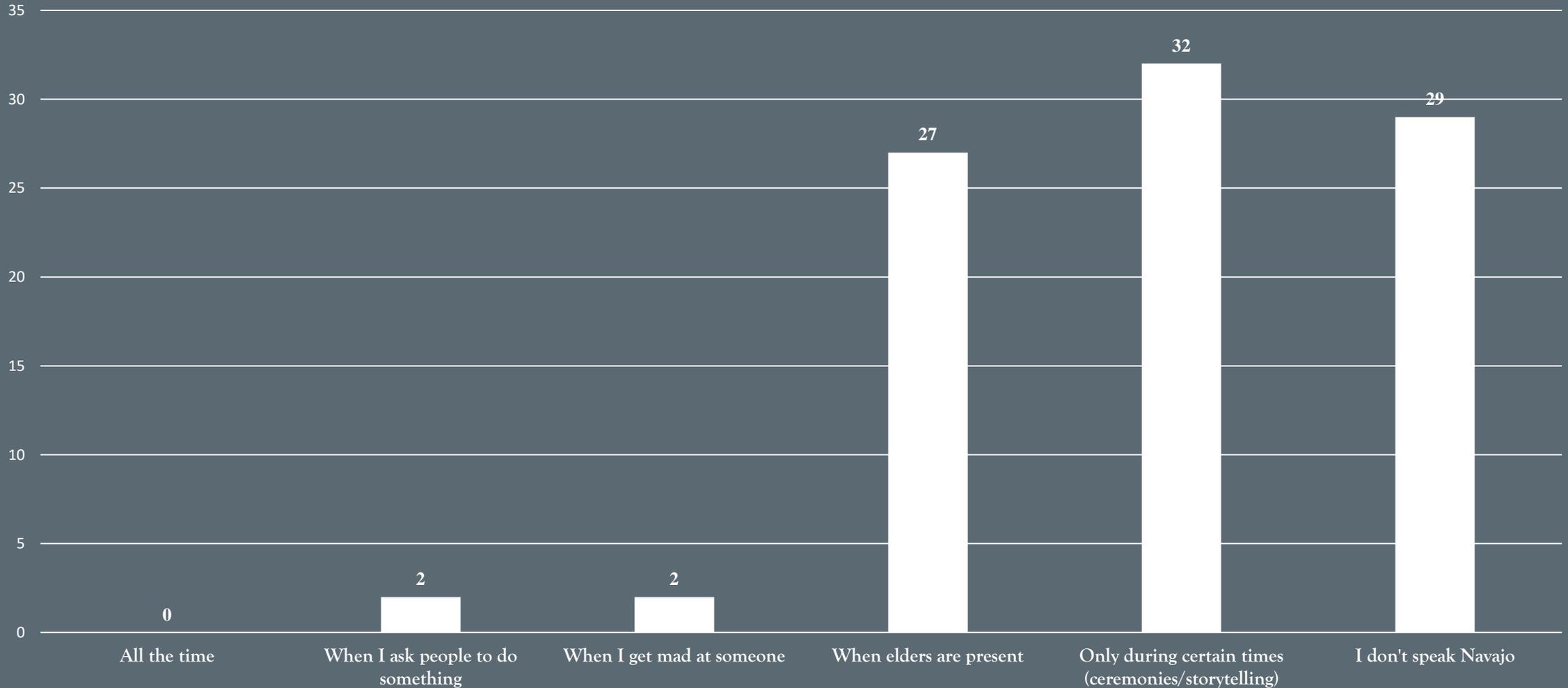
Results of the Student Assessment

Do you believe the Diné language is being lost



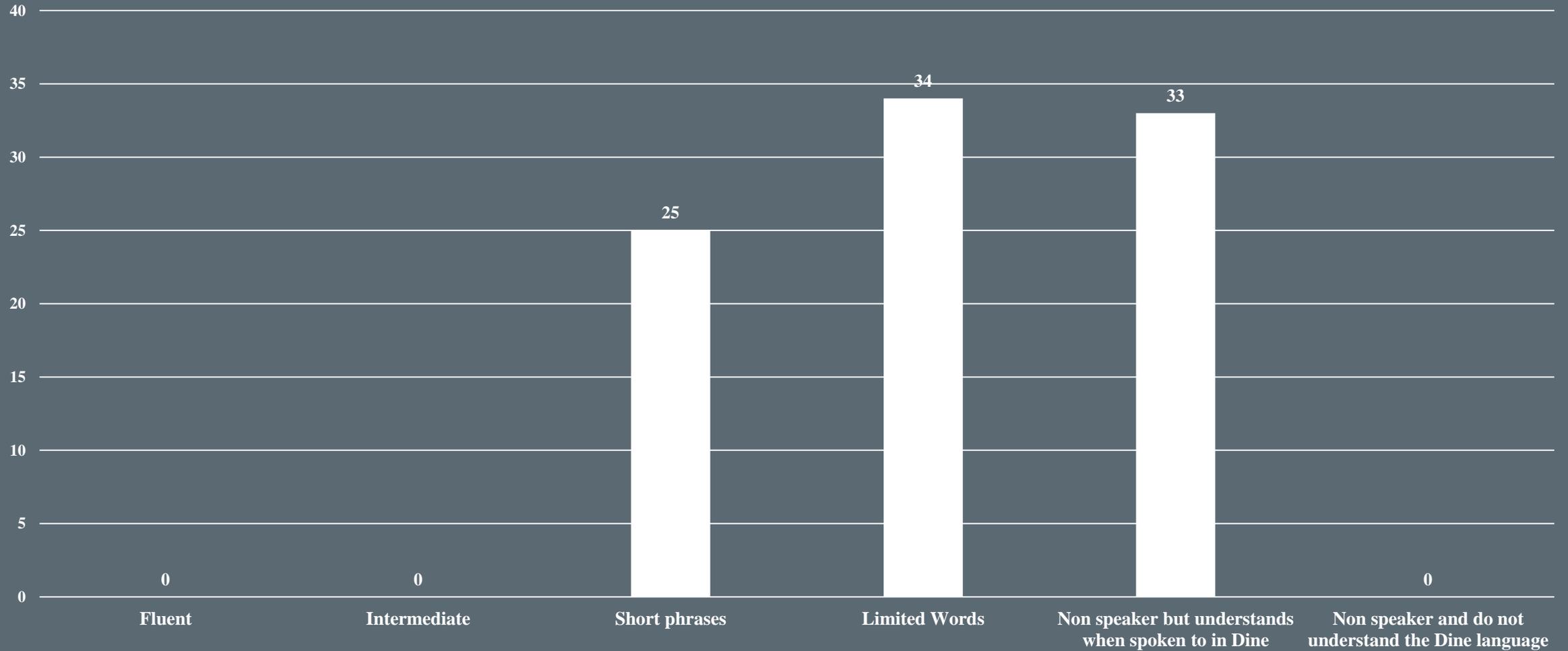
Results of the Student Assessment

I speak Navajo ...



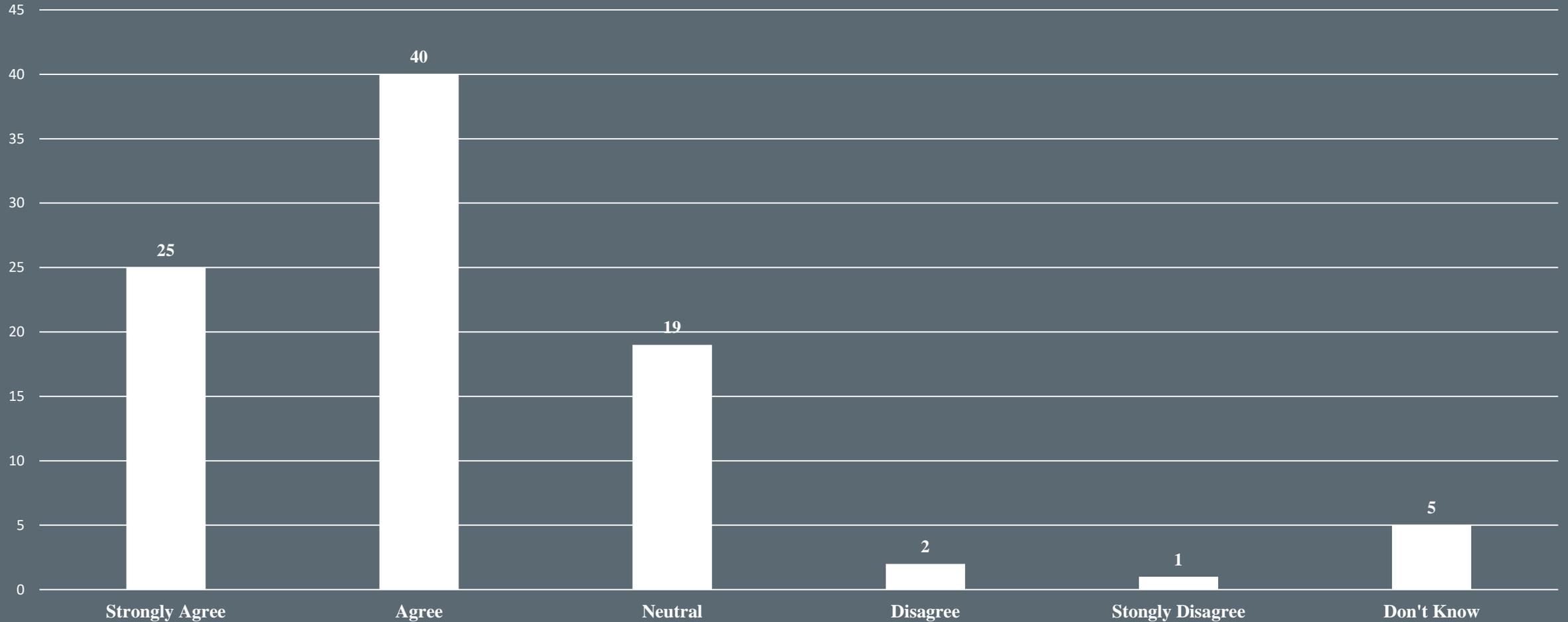
Results of the Student Assessment

My Diné Proficiency level is.....



Results of the Student Assessment

Learning the Diné language and culture HELPS me in school



How to revitalize the language.....

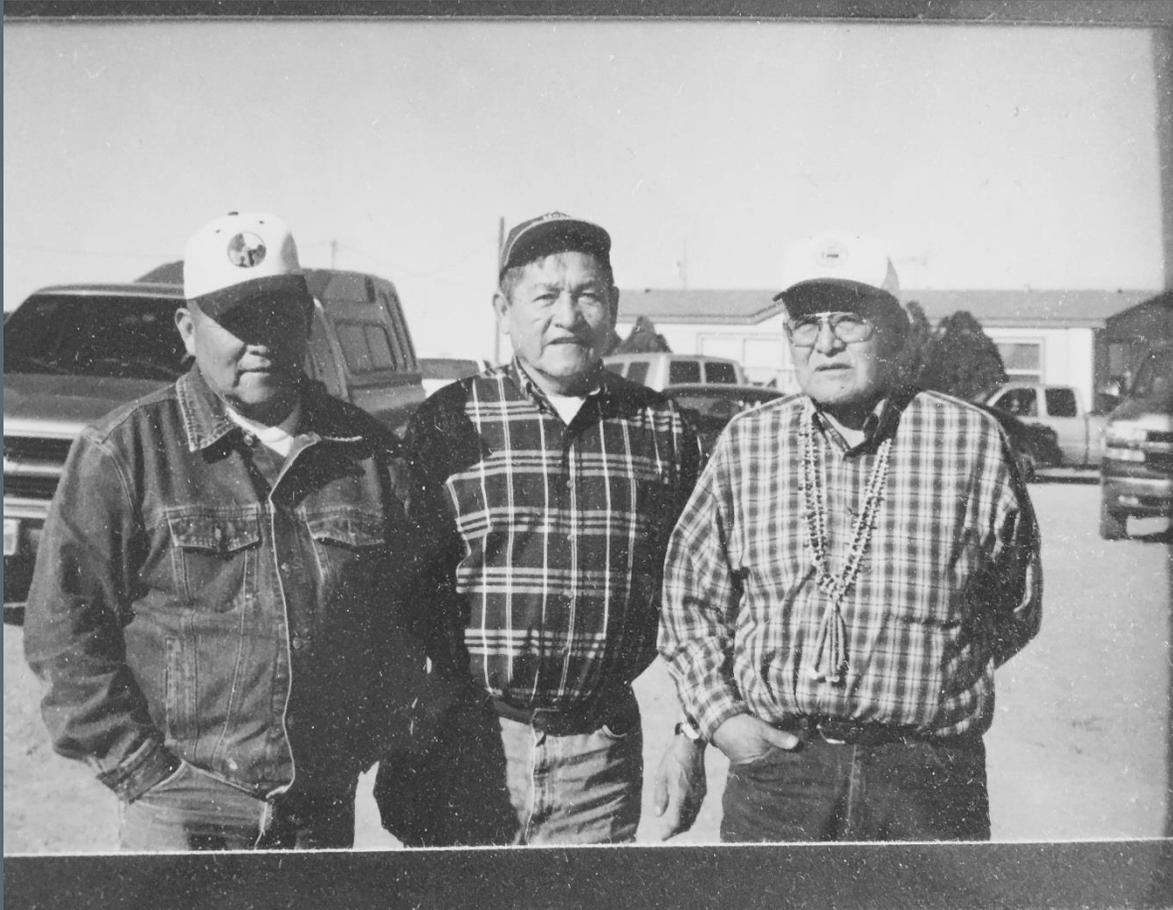


T'áá hooghandoo nihizaad bo'hoo'aahgoo háát'i'

Learning our language begins at home.....



How to revitalize the language.....



Díishjí, hastoii dóó sánii náána nihi cheii sání dóó nihi chó yéé, baa hane' yéé, éí k'ad doo nihił bééhózinda.....

Haash yidzaa?

Doo ish bee nda'niitin da?

Did we forget the stories and teachings of great grandparents? What happened? Don't we teach this at home?

Shizhé'é dóó shizhé'é yázhí bi'yin, dóó baa hane' éí k'ad baa áháshyá..... náána bee na'nishtin.

The songs and stories of my father and paternal uncles are now a part of me. I now become the caretaker, and teach the younger generation.

How to revitalize the language.....



Teaching thru ceremonies.....



How to revitalize the language.....

Teach with Passion

Living the language

Try holding a conversation at
dinner in Diné



T'áá 'ákodí dóó nitsago 'Ahxéhee'.

