

**TO APPROVE THE JONES ACADEMY STUDENT UNION FACILITY AND
FACILITY REALIGNMENT PLAN**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the Jones Academy Student Union Facility and Facility Realignment Plan.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Tribal Council of the Nation (the "Council") shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property;

WHEREAS, the Nation currently owns and/or operates the Jones Academy (the "Facility");

WHEREAS, the Nation seeks to work with the Bureau of Indian Education (the "BIE") to consolidate and replace aging facilities while ensuring the continuation of essential education functions for the students;

WHEREAS, the Jones Academy Student Union Facility and Facility Realignment Plan (the "Plan") includes the following details:

1. A New Student Union (approx. 17,883 sq. ft.) which consolidates and replaces the Cafeteria (Building #571 (5,742 gross / 4,162 O&M sq. ft., built 1962)); the Gymnasium (Building #580 (15,356 gross / 13,625 O&M sq. ft., built 1980)); the Food Storage building (Building #573 (1,344 gross / 1,260 O&M sq. ft., built 1965)); and, the Student Union which provides cafeteria, kitchen, dining, recreation/gymnasium, and integrated food storage functions.
2. The current Cafeteria (Building #571) and one of the Maintenance buildings (Building #535(1,012 sq. ft.)) will be demolished.
3. The current Gymnasium (Building #580) will no longer serve as a gym, but be repurposed as the Jones Academy Maintenance Building.
4. Two of the current Maintenance Buildings (Buildings #582 (6,300 sq. ft.) and #579 (2,730 sq. ft.)) will be transferred to the Nation "as is."

WHEREAS, under the Plan, the overall square footage requested for BIE Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funding remains substantially equivalent to the current O&M-funded square footage at Jones Academy and the Plan does not seek an expansion of funded space, but rather a consolidation of existing programmatic functions into modern, efficient facilities;

WHEREAS, the Student Union (17,883 sq. ft.) consolidates the cafeteria, gymnasium, and food storage, which, together, currently account for nearly the same O&M-funded space; and

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WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation approve the Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval for the Jones Academy Student Union Facility and Facility Realignment Plan.

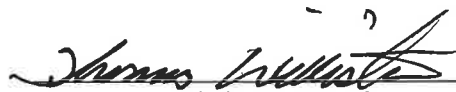
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that the Jones Academy Student Union Facility and Facility Realignment Plan shall be subject to the completion of satisfactory due diligence, as reasonably determined by and on terms reasonably acceptable to the Chief of the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval that the Chief, or his designee(s), shall be authorized to work with the BIE and other entities to carryout and complete the Jones Academy Student Union Facility and Facility Realignment Plan.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma, on January 10, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 21 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date: 1-14-26

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This Council Bill approves the Jones Academy Student Union Facility and Facility Realignment Plan. The Choctaw Nation has already committed \$15,000,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward the construction of a new Student Union Facility at Jones Academy. This facility will consolidate and replace aging facilities while ensuring the continuation of essential programmatic functions for our students.

Under the Plan, the overall square footage requested for BIE Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funding remains substantially equivalent to the current O&M-funded square footage at Jones Academy. The Nation is not seeking an expansion of funded space, but rather a consolidation of existing programmatic functions into modern, efficient facilities. The Student Union (17,883 sq. ft.) consolidates the cafeteria, gymnasium, and food storage, which together currently account for nearly the same O&M-funded space.

Furthermore, the Choctaw Nation will assume ownership of two buildings, Buildings #582 and #579, “as is,” thereby reducing the long-term O&M obligations of the Bureau.

Finally, demolition of Buildings #571, #535, #535A, #536, #572, and #574 eliminates additional aged and inefficient facilities from the O&M inventory. By consolidating maintenance into Building #580, Jones Academy preserves essential programmatic functions in a single, modernized building while reducing overall facility spread and deferred maintenance risk. This Council Bill helps the Nation accomplish its goals of delivering excellence through quality, service and innovation as well as improving the quality of life for the student, faculty and staff at Jones Academy.

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Agency: Jones Academy

Budget: Previously approved.

Match Required: N/A

Requestor: Tereasa Jackson, Senior Executive Officer, Tribal Services; Patrick Moore,
Superintendent, Jones Academy