**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Public Hearing.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing in Mabry Hall located at the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, on Friday, January 5, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (MDT). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed repeal of 6.29.2 NMAC, Arts Education, to be replaced by 6.29.2 NMAC, New Mexico Core Arts Standards. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to speak will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes on record. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

**Rule Change Information.** The purpose of this proposed rule change is to adopt the New Mexico Core Arts Standards.

The statutory authorizations include the following:

**Section 22-2-2 NMSA 1978** grants the authority and responsibility for the assessment and evaluation of public schools, state-supported educational institutions and educational programs conducted in state institutions other than New Mexico military institute.

**Section 22-2-2 NMSA 1978** directs the department to set graduation expectations.

**Section 22-2C-3 NMSA 1978** requires the department to adopt academic content and performance standards and to measure the performance of public schools in New Mexico.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

**Public Comment.** Interested parties may provide comment on the proposed repeal and replacement of this state rule at the public hearing or may submit written comments, or both, to Jamie Gonzales, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, Room 101, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or by electronic mail at rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or fax to (505) 827-6681. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on the date of the public hearing. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from November 28, 2017 to January 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the New Mexico Public Education Department's website under the “Public Notices” link at <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/PublicNotices.html>, or may be obtained from Jamie Gonzales by contacting her at (505) 827-7889 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format, or who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Jamie Gonzales at (505) 827-7889 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least ten (10) calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.