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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Education Commission Schedules a Meeting and Work Session in Taos for July 20 and Community Input Hearings for 4 New Charter School Applicants July 18, 19 & 21

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Public Education Commission will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Taos Academy, 110 Paseo de Canon W, Taos, NM 87571. A work session for the Commission will follow the meeting. The PEC has also scheduled community input hearings for four new charter school applicants July 18-21, 2016 in four locations around the state.

The hearings are held in the communities where the new applicants have applied to open new schools. This year those hearings will be held in Gallup and Albuquerque on Monday, July 18; Espanola on Tuesday, July 19, and in Raton on Thursday, July 21 for charter schools who have applied for authorization through the PEC.

An agenda for the meeting and for the community input hearings can be found at:

<http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/PECmeetings2016.html>

Each community input hearing is scheduled for 90 minutes. During the public hearings, members of the PEC will listen to comments from the charter school applicants. Following these comments, local school district representatives and members of the public will have an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed school. The PEC will then have an opportunity to question the applicant(s) on their charter application.

Members of the public may send the PEC their comments electronically in support or against any of the charter school applications via email to Charter.Schools@state.nm.us. Hand written comments may be sent to the Public Education Commission, c/o Linda Olivas, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Public input for each charter application will be accepted for three business days after the applicant's PEC hearing. The deadline for input is 5:00 p.m. of the third business day after each applicant's hearing. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

The Commission will accept written petitions of public support or opposition. However, please note these petitions will be accepted only at the public hearings in each community. These petitions will not be accepted after the public hearings.

PEC members will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the new charter applications at their Wednesday, August 31 and Thursday, September 1, 2016 meeting in Santa Fe.

A complete listing of the community input hearings is attached to this release and is also available at www.ped.state.nm.us under the PED Public Notices and Top News. Applications for the four new charter schools are located at <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/CharterSchools2016Apps.html>

Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at 505-827-6909. Schedule for these meetings is attached to this notice.

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**PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
COMMUNITY INPUT HEARINGS
2016 SCHEDULE**

DATE	LOCATION	APPLICANT	PLACE	TIME	LAST DAY FOR PUBLIC INPUT
Monday, July 18 th	Gallup	Hozo Academy	Gallup/McKinley Schools Board Room Student Support Center 640 S. Boardman Gallup, NM 87305	8:30 a.m.	July 21 st
Monday, July 18 th	Albuquerque	STAT Charter School	NM Activities Association 6600 Palomas, NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	2:00 p.m.	July 21 st
Tuesday, July 19 th	Espanola	The Albert Einstein Academy	McCurdy Charter School 362 S. McCurdy Road Espanola, NM 87532	1:00 p.m.	July 22 nd
Wednesday, July 20 th	Taos	PEC Meeting and Work Session	Taos Academy 110 Paseo de Canon W Taos, NM 87571	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Meeting • 10:00 am. (or when meeting concludes) Work Session 	
Thursday, July 21 st	Raton	Willow Springs Academy	International Bank— Conference Room 200 S. Second St, Raton, NM 87740	8:30 a.m.	July 26 th

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