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Public Education Commission Schedules a Regular Meeting and Community Input Hearings for 2 New Charter School Applicants July 18-20

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) has scheduled a regular PEC meeting for Wednesday, July 18, 2018, and then they will hold two Community Input Hearings for proposed new state chartered charter schools July 19-20.

A PEC Work Session is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18 in Mabry Hall of the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM. The regular meeting will follow at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the same location. The agenda for the PEC meeting will be posted soon on <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/meetingcalendarsmaterials/2018-pec-meeting-calendar/> or call 505-827-6661 for more information.

Community Input Hearings for new charter school applicants will be held in the school district where the new school is proposed. This year there are two applicants for new charter schools. The schedule for the public meetings is below.

- Solare Collegiate Charter School, Thursday, July 19, 2018: 8:30 am – 12 noon, New Mexico Activities Association (large room), 6600 Palomas, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
- Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School, Friday, July 20, 2018: 1:00 – 4:30 pm, New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum (theater), 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011

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 also send the PEC additional 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 Charter School Division, 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 PEC meeting on August 23 and 24, 2018 in Santa Fe.

Applications for the three new charter schools are located at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/submitted-applications/2018-new-applications/>. Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at 505-827-6909.