



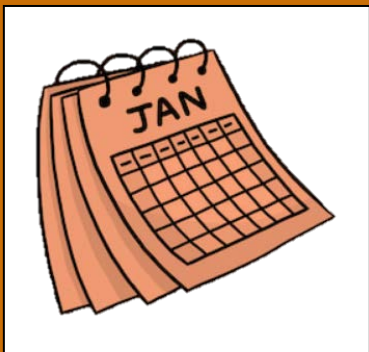
Upcoming for the New Year:

January 8th: Notice of Intent to apply for a Charter is due.

January 22-24: Three nights of Governing Board member training for both **new** and **continuing** members. *See more next page.*

January 28th: First training for New Charter School Applicants.

February 11th: First training for Charter Schools in their Renewal Year (*please feel free to attend even if your school is not up for renewal*).



CSD Grant Corner

In October 2017, the NM PED was awarded a 22.5 million dollar grant from USDE to open high quality charter schools and also to grow and replicate existing high quality charter schools. To date, five schools have received subgrant awards. New school subgrant awards went to: Altura Preparatory, Albuquerque Collegiate and Solare Collegiate. Mission Achievement Success was awarded a replication subgrant and the MASTERS Program was awarded an expansion grant. Subgrant competitions begin again in the Spring for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be a competition for new charter schools and a competition for expansion/replication charter schools. Keep a lookout for technical assistance trainings and calls for applicants to assist with the application process. More information will be available for those training dates. Please go to the Charter School Program Grant link on the PED Website for more information or use this link: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/charter-schools/new-mexico-charter-school-program-grant/>

New From The Public Education Commission

The New Year brings changes to the PEC. Three Commissioners have retired from the PEC after many years of service. We say farewell and many thanks to Commissioner and Vice Chair Gilbert Peralta (District 6), Commissioner Carmie Toulouse (District 3), and Commissioner James Conyers (District 5).

We would like to welcome the newly elected Commissioners! Commissioner Glenna Voigt (District 3), Commissioner Georgina Davis (District 5), Commissioner Michael Chavez (District 6) and Commissioner Jason Perry (District 8). Also, congratulations to PEC Chair Gibson in her re-election to the PEC!

In December, the PEC held public meetings and voted on the status of eleven charter school renewals. Of those, the PEC voted to non-renew only one, La Academia Dolores Huerta in Las Cruces.

Middle College High School in Gallup was granted a five-year renewal under state (PEC) authorization. The charter school was previously authorized by Gallup-McKinley Public Schools. The school earned an A in the 2017-18 school year.

New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA), Taos Academy, and Explore Academy were amongst the highest-performing schools renewed for a full five-year term.

NMSA is one of only eight schools statewide to earn seven "A" ratings in a row!

Introductory Governing Board Member Trainings

Any new members to your school governing board/council have the opportunity to jump start their board service by completing the PED's Two-Hour Interim Course online. They can apply to the waiver [here](#). Then scroll down until you see:

New Member Introductory Training Waiver Requests

- [Waiver Request Form](#)

The next 7 Hour Introductory Trainings for NEW governing board members will take place over three evenings at the Highlands Rio Ranch, 1700 Grande Blvd. SE.

Class begins at 5:00 PM. Classes end at 7:00 PM on Tuesday & Thursday nights. **Class ends at 8:00 PM on Wednesday night.**



KUDOS!

Congratulations to Anansi Charter School in Taos on receiving the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Distinction! Anasi Charter was one of three New Mexico schools chosen this year.

Congratulations to The New America School – Las Cruces for being awarded a Kellogg Grant, two students named Freshman of the month for Doña Ana County AND two students selected for Leadership Summit for Johns Hopkins!

#NAEP2019

We are excited that approximately 10% of the schools selected for NAEP are charter schools. Thank you for the continual support and participation to help our grade 4, 8, and 12 students be NAEP Game Day Ready! The NAEP testing window is January 28 – March 8, 2019. NAEP Teacher Tool Kits are being shipped to schools this week. Please contact our NAEP State Coordinator with any questions. Marie.Julienne@state.nm.us or 505-827-3982.

Here is a link to the recently Adopted Rules to be Aware of!
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/recently-adopted-rule/>

The Fiscal Year is Half Way Done! Don't forget to Complete All Your Training!

Training Category	Annual Hours Required
Ethics & Responsibilities	1
Fiscal Requirements	3
Academic Data	2
Open Government	1
Organizational Performance	1
Total hours for continuing members	8

*New board members are required to take 7 hours of Introductory training provided by the Charter Schools Division. They may use any combination of the above categories to complete their remaining 3 hours of training.

Checkout some new resources on our [nmped](#) website! We are uploading presentations that we hope are helpful to anyone involved with Charter Schools. If you'd like to suggest a topic for a presentation, please let us know at charter.schools@state.nm.us