



Upcoming Trainings:

February 11th: Renewal Training #1

February 23rd: Governing Board member training for **continuing** (confirmed) members in *Roswell*.

February 25th: New Applicant School Training #2 at the NMAA

March 6th: New Mexico Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness at Santa Ana Civic Center. See more next page.

Reminder for Governing Board members: All training for FY19 must be completed by June 30th! If you have not completed your required training, please see the following link for a list of all upcoming trainings:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/GBTTrainingNeeds>

[.pdf](#). For questions regarding the training requirements, please contact the Charter Schools Division at charter_schools@state.nm.us

Governor Lujan Grisham recently announced her selection for the Secretary of Education, four Deputy Secretaries, and one Special Advisor!

Secretary of Public Education: Karen Trujillo

Deputy Secretary for Equity and Multiculturalism: Kara Bobroff

Deputy Secretary for Policy: Tim Hand

Deputy Secretary for Student Opportunities: Katarina Sandoval

Deputy Secretary for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment: Gwen Perea Warniment

Special Advisor: Pedro Noguerra (contractor)

From The Public Education Commission

During the December meeting of the Public Education Commission, the Commissioners voted on the Renewal Applications of eleven charter schools

1. Alma d'Arte (Las Cruces): **3-year** renewal
2. Cesar Chavez Community School (ABQ): 5-year renewal
3. Explore Academy (ABQ): 5-year renewal
4. La Academia de Dolores Huerta: **non-renewal**
5. Middle College High School (Gallup): 5-year renewal
6. NM School for the Arts (Santa Fe): 5-year renewal
7. School of Dreams Academy (Los Lunas): 5-year renewal
8. Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, & Science Academy (ABQ): 5-year renewal
9. Southwest Preparatory Learning Center (ABQ): 5-year renewal
10. Southwest Secondary Learning Center (ABQ): 5-year renewal
11. Taos Academy (Taos): 5-year renewal

Effective January 2, 2019

K12 Accounting, LLC acquired schoolAbility's New Mexico Business Office Services assets. schoolAbility will work closely with K12 Accounting to ensure a smooth transition.

For schoolAbility questions, please contact Alfredo at alfredo@schoolAbility.com or (520) 780-1375.

For K12 Accounting questions, please contact Rebekah at rebekah@k12accounting.com or (505) 452-7481 or Bryan at bryan@k12accounting.com or (575) 993-3063.

KUDOS!

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 Authorizing Team has been criss-crossing the state visiting our State Authorized Charter Schools and have reported the following two kudos!

Taos International School has developed an excellent system for identifying and serving their ELL student population. The ELL coordinator was observed (throughout the entire day) pulling out small groups of ELL students and specifically focusing on their English language development in a setting that was less intimidating than a large-group or entire class setting. The school leadership has trained its teachers to understand student WIDA ACCESS data and how to develop instruction and strategies specific to the student, based off their ACCESS outcomes.

Las Montanas has implemented an Early Warning System (EWS) to better assist in early detection of students in need of intervention. The EWS focuses on the ABCs of a student (attendance, behavior, coursework). The school's leadership team has developed a "mentor teacher program" that assigns a teacher to students identified as in need of intervention. The mentor teacher is responsible for developing an individual intervention plan for that student and coordinating with the students' teachers and parents. The school's EWS system is a step before their SAT referral process.

Keep up the good work everyone!

Bills in the Roundhouse

The following are a list of some of the bills that have been reviewed by the NM Public Education Department that specifically impact charter schools:

- HB 181 – enrollment preference for conversion schools
- HB 434 – moratorium on new charter school applications
- SB 1 – public school funding (included a membership cap for charter school enrollment that has been removed)
- SB 245 – charter school facilities and capital funds
- SB 315 – NMSA to be considered a special statewide residential public school
- SB 331 – nepotism and ability to suspend Governing Board
- SB 429 – virtual charter schools
- SJR9 – convert Public Education Commission to State Board of Education

The Policy, Innovation and Measurement Bureau at NM PED is tracking the legislative session and information can be found on education bills on their web page at

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/legislative-services/>. (Use the links to the NMPED Bill Analysis and the New Mexico Legislature.) Another way to find current updates on the bills is to search the schedule on the legislature's website and play the corresponding recorded meeting found here: <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00293/Harmony/en/View/RecentEnded/20190128/-1>

On the road again with Istation's continuing professional development across New Mexico! Data in the Rearview Mirror: Determine when you need to stay the course, change lanes, or take the nearest exit.

Location	Date	Link
Albuquerque- Crowne Plaza	February 12 th -13 th , 2019	Istation ABQ Registration
Hobbs-Hobbs Training Facility	February 15 th , 2019	Istation Hobbs Registration
Gallup-El Morro Events Center	February 19 th , 2019	Istation Gallup Registration
Farmington-Towneplace Suites	February 21 st , 2019	Istation Farmington Registration
Taos-Sagebrush Inn and Suites	February 25 th , 2019	Istation Taos Registration
Artesia-Bulldog Training Center	February 27 th , 2019	Istation Artesia Registration
Las Cruces-Hilton Garden Inn	March 1 st , 2019	Istation Las Cruces Registration

The **New Mexico Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness** scheduled on **March 6th, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Santa Ana Civic Center in Rio Rancho New Mexico**. Schools are already registering middle and high school students for this event being brought to New Mexico through the Mark Wahlberg Foundation and DEA 360. Registration and additional information regarding the summit may be found by going to www.drugfreeisuptome.org. Teachers are encouraged to utilize existing curricula, resources, and/or develop lessons for students leading up to and/or after this event on opioid prevention and awareness. DEA 360 is also spotlighting a resource that teachers may wish to utilize.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in partnership with Discovery Education, have joined forces to combat prescription opioid misuse and heroin use. Operation Prevention, a no-cost, nationwide initiative developed to educate and empower students in grades 3-12 with facts, helps them to better understand the science behind opioids' impact on the brain and body.

The Operation Prevention program digital curriculum tools were developed using, and are aligned to, the following:

- Next Generation Science Standards
- National Health Education Standards
- Common Core State Standards in English/Language Arts
- Social and Emotional Learning Core Competencies

On the Operation Prevention website, under Classroom Resources, you will find Digital Lesson Bundles and accompanying educator guides for Elementary, Middle and High School students, a Self-Paced Module in English and Spanish (targeting middle and high school aged youth). The program also features three Virtual Field Trips and a Parent Toolkit in English and Spanish.

A high school video challenge, encourages students to send a message to their peers about the dangers of misusing opioids by creating a 30-60 second original Public Service Announcement (PSA). Empower students to lead the change in schools for the chance to win up to \$10,000 in scholarships for their commitment to this issue. Submissions are due by March 6, 2019.

There is also an Educator Training Video that will explain more about how the curriculum was developed and how it is being implemented in various school settings.