

# New Mexico Charter School News



## Teacher of the Year Nominations are Open

The application for the 2020 New Mexico Teacher of the Year is now open! You are invited to nominate **one** outstanding teacher from your charter school to represent New Mexico as the 2020 New Mexico Teacher of the Year (NMTOY).

For the first time ever, NMPED is excited to announce that the winner of the 2020 New Mexico Teacher of the Year will be given a **one year paid sabbatical** during their tenure from January to December 2020 generously provided by the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, and up to \$10,000 worth of professional development opportunities! In addition, the 2020 NMTOY will be invited to join the other State Teachers of the Year in various exciting opportunities around the country to represent New Mexico and grow as an educator and a leader.

New Mexico's 2020 Teacher of the Year will act as the spokesperson for the teaching profession of New Mexico and represent our state in the National Teacher of the Year competition. This exceptional educator will participate in education advocacy and professional development nationwide. The New Mexico Teacher of the Year is chosen by a panel of judges (i.e. past New Mexico Teachers of the Year, School District Superintendents, School Administrators, NMPED Staff) representing New Mexico educators.

To nominate your school's candidate to be the 2020 New Mexico Teacher of the Year, please have your candidate complete the attached application packet and email the attached application by **September 22, 2019** to Zach Chavez at [MartinZ.Chavez@state.nm.us](mailto:MartinZ.Chavez@state.nm.us)

[Application for Teacher of the Year](#)

The Charter School Division welcomes Secretary Designate Ryan Stewart, with his first day at the Public Education Department on September 3, 2019! We look forward to doing great things alongside Secretary Designate Stewart! Bienvenidos!

Congratulations to ACES Technical Charter School on the PEC approval of their Charter School Application! ACES is a Technical Charter School proposed to open in the Southeast Albuquerque area. ACES will begin their implementation Year training, with the intent of opening to the public for the 2020-21 School Year! We wish ACES the best of Luck!

# RENEWAL APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Renewing charter schools have the option to seek renewal from either their local chartering authority (district) or the Public Education Commission (PEC) as the state chartering authority. All renewal applications must be submitted by **October 1, 2019**, to the charter school's selected chartering authority. In accordance with Subsection A of 6.80.4.13 NMAC. The chartering authority must then rule in a public meeting on the renewal of the application no later than **January 1, 2020**.

The PEC developed its state charter renewal application kit to assist charter schools in the development of their renewal applications to the PEC.

If you are intending to renew with a district authorizer, you should check with the district on the forms and process that they require.

The PEC's renewal application is divided into six parts: **Part A: Your School's Summary Data Report and Current Charter Contract; Part B: Progress Report, Part C: Financial Statement; Part D: Petitions of Support; Part E: Description of the Charter School Facilities; and Part F: Amendment Requests.** These sections address the requirements of NMSA 1978 § 22-8B-12(J) and are intended to provide the PEC the information necessary to determine if the school's past performance supports renewal of the charter. Please note that Parts A and F are provided by the Charter Schools Division (CSD).

Section 22-8B-12(K) NMSA 1978 provides that a charter may be not renewed if the chartering authority determined the school (1) committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards or procedures set forth in the charter contract; (2) failed to meet or make substantial progress toward achievement of the department's standards of excellence or student performance standards identified in the charter contract; (3) failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management; or (4) violated any provision of law from which the charter school was not specifically exempted.

## [2019 PEC RENEWAL APPLICATION KIT](#)

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- 9/12/19: Fraud Detection Primer (#3 Fiscal)
- 10/3/19: Special Education (#4 Academic)
- 10/17/19: Finance & Operations (#5 Fiscal)
- 11/7/19: Strategic Plan (#6 Ethics & Responsibility)
- 11/21/19: Overcoming Pain Points (#7 Open Government)
- 12/19/19: Accountability (#8 Academics)

To register for any of the above Lunch & Learn sessions or if you have questions, please email [charter.schools@state.nm.us](mailto:charter.schools@state.nm.us). Please be sure to let us know what school you are affiliated with and what sessions you would like to attend.

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***On a different note.....***

CSD has two letter sized filing cabinets and one large metal storage cabinet that we are giving away. If you would like them you must pick them up. If interested please email [charter.schools@state.nm.us](mailto:charter.schools@state.nm.us)