**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Public Hearing.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed new rule 6.12.11 NMAC, Student Diabetes Management, and repeal of 6.12.7 NMAC, Bullying Prevention, to be replaced with 6.12.7 NMAC, Safe Schools for All Students. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

**Explanation of Purpose and Summary of Text**

The purpose of the proposed new rule **6.12.11 NMAC, Student Diabetes Management,** is to provide parameters for diabetes care personnel training and diabetes care management of students with diabetes in public schools.

The purpose of the proposed repeal of **6.12.7 NMAC, Bullying Prevention,** to be replaced with **6.12.7 NMAC,** **Safe Schools for All Students,** is to establish requirements for local school boards and public schools, including charter schools and governing bodies, to develop and implement bullying prevention policies and programs and to report on the implementation of the Safe Schools for All Students Act per the parameters established within the provisions of this rule.

**Statutory Authorization(s):**

Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-34-1 through 22-34-9, and 22-35-1 through 22-35-5 NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

**Public Comment.**  Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail to John Sena, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Room 101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by electronic mail to rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or by fax to (505) 827-6520. All written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, October 25, 2019. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from September 24, 2019 to October 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the page titled, “Rule Notification,” on the PED's website at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>, or may be obtained from John Sena at (505) 570-7816 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact John Sena at (505) 570-7816 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.