



A friendly reminder of the standing bi-weekly call with Charter Leaders and Secretary-Designate Ryan Stewart:

Please remember to send any items you would like covered to Charter School Director, Alan Brauer alan.brauer@state.nm.us, the Monday prior to the regularly scheduled call.

To participate in the bi-weekly call, dial 1-800-747-5150 Code: 2007361

Next call sessions:

8:00-8:30 am

Thursday, 10/10/19

Thursday, 10/24/19

Thursday, 11/7/19

Thursday, 11/21/19

Thursday, 12/5/19



ONE OF OUR VERY OWN, NOMINATED FOR THE GOLDEN TEACHER AWARD!!!!

One of the 16 NM finalists for the Golden Apple Teacher Award is from a state charter school. Congratulations **Hope Montoya-Encinias** from **New Mexico Connections Academy**! This year, 88 teachers were nominated from 26 different New Mexico cities and towns. The 16 finalists were recently named and seven eventual awardees will be recognized at the Golden Apple Tribute to Teacher Excellence in Albuquerque on April 3, 2020.

Public Charter Schools of New Mexico 19th Annual Charter School Conference

November 14-15, 2019

APS Rankin Professional Training Facility
720 Rankin Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107

The Conference features two days of professional development for school leadership teams that will continue last year's practice of having extended participant-focused sessions. Morning sessions will offer highly engaging best practice presentations by local and national charter school practitioners. Then, the afternoon program will offer deep study work sessions for schools with topics that collectively look to reflect on 20 years of New Mexico charter schools and blaze a path forward to define our future. There will be a wide range of topics so please bring teams from your schools to participate in multiple sessions at one time!

Read more information and register online at <http://nmccs.org/nmccs-news/save-the-date-public-charter-schools-of-new-mexico-annual-conference/>

The PED is excited to release the registration link for the **K-5 Plus & Extended Learning Convening**. This event will be held on October 25th 2019 in Albuquerque.

During this convening we will:

- Brainstorm potential solutions to increase enrollment
- Learn how districts have implemented both programs simultaneously with success in their districts
- Build your tool kit with best practices from districts across the state
- Discuss ways to promote these initiatives with parent and community involvement

Governing Board Member Training

Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:30-4:30 at the Albuquerque School of Excellence; 8 Hour Continuing Governing Board Training

Saturday, November 2, 2019 8:30-4:30 at the Taos Municipal Charter School; 8 Hour Continuing Governing Board Training

Saturday, December 7, 2019 8:30-4:30 at Las Montanas Charter High School, Las Cruces

8 Hour Continuing Governing Board Training

Please visit our [Trainings Offered page](#) for other training options, such as "Lunch & Learn" Sessions.....we update the trainings offered page regularly, so please check back often!! To register for any of the governing board trainings, please email your information to: charter.schools@state.nm.us



How Leaders Can Support Implementation of English Language Development

The PED, through the Language and Culture Division, has a partnership with the REL Southwest. The REL Southwest has partnered with school district representatives from New Mexico to share How Leaders Can Support Implementation of English Language Development at an event in Albuquerque on **OCTOBER 29TH**. This event is open to all!

This a great opportunity as we gear up for the English Language Proficiency indicator in school accountability. Please feel free to send any of your staff and to pass this onto your networks.

When: October 29, 2019, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm mountain time

Where: Embassy Suites, Albuquerque, NM

Why: The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for administrators to explore their role as leaders in supporting the implementation of ELD as a comprehensive system in their schools and districts.

How: register online - <https://event-registrations.airprojects.org/events/relsw/2019/how-leaders-can-support-eld/index.php>

Who: This event is designed for teachers, instructional coaches, site administrators, district administrators, state administrators, and university staff.

Contact: Lacy Wood, dissemination director, REL Southwest, lwood@air.org, 512-391-6567

KUDOS!

Roots and Wings was selected by Bellwether Education Partners out of Washington DC out of hundreds of rural charters for a national case study. [Read the article How Rural Charter Schools Can Succeed.](#)

Taos Academy is one of 235 schools featured by the Clayton Christensen Institute as leading innovation in our nation. [Read The Canopy: Building Collective Knowledge](#)

GOOD JOB and CONGRATS!!!!

Congratulations are also in order for **ACES Technical Charter School**, as their new charter school application was approved by the PEC at its August 2019 meeting. ACES Technical Charter School began their implementation/planning year in September and is expected to open in the fall of 2020 in Albuquerque!

THE 2019 INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM OLD TOWN ALBUQUERQUE NOVEMBER 17-20, 2019

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers will be hosting the Independent Charter School Symposium, November 17-20, 2019 at The Hotel Albuquerque. School leaders, social visionaries, and policy-makers from across the country will meet in Old Town Albuquerque with an audacious goal: to articulate a vision for the direction of the charter movement and all public education. Earn your required board training credits!!

[Register for the Charter School Symposium or check out the sessions agenda!!](#)

CSP Grant in the News!

In October 2017, the New Mexico PED was awarded a \$22.5 million dollar Charter School Program (CSP) grant from the USDE. 90% of those funds were earmarked for charter school sub grants. Each year the CSP has run sub grant competitions for New Charter Schools and high quality expansions/replications of existing charters. To date, the following schools applied and have received CSP funding:

- Albuquerque Collegiate – New School
- Altura Preparatory – New School
- MASTERS – Expansion
- Mission Achievement Success- Replication School
- Solare Collegiate – New School

In August 2019, the Charter School Program grant ran another sub grant competition. Applications were accepted for New Charter Schools and Expansion Charter Schools. Three New School applications and ten Expansion School applications were submitted. Peer reviewers have completed the New School review and **ACES Technical Charter School** will be awarded CSP funds. They are a newly approved state charter school.

The reviewers are still in the process of finalizing the scores for the ten Expansion application and results will be made available soon.

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