



## **COVID-19 UPDATES and INFORMATION**

During this time of uncertainty, we here at the CSD wanted to let you know we are here for you and your schools. We may be working remotely but we will continue to provide support through the duration of this health crisis. Thank you for all you are doing to support students and families during this challenging time.

Here are some useful links to have at your fingertips:

- [Continous Learning Plan \(CLP\) and Assurances](#)
- [NM Department of Health Covid-19 Updates](#)
- [Covid-19 Resources for Schools](#)
- [NM Public Education Department](#)
- [Extended School Closure FAQs](#)

## **STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND GOVERNING BOARDS**

If you do not already have a platform for meeting with staff, students, and/or governing boards, the following is information on the Zoom platform.

[Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) is now free to K-12 schools.

You can register here: [https://zoom.us/docs/ent/school-](https://zoom.us/docs/ent/school-verification.html?zcid=1231&_ga=2.40898341.686661084.1584965045-1328178504.1584037551)

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Registering as a K-12 school will remove the 100 person, 40-minute time limit that exists on the free accounts.

Once the school is registered, if Governing Board members have email accounts via the school, they could create a Zoom account and host the Governing Board meetings. If not, a school representative with an email from the school would need to schedule and host the meetings. The online meeting link can be provided on an agenda that is posted to insure the public has access to the meeting. Zoom can be used on any device with internet access, including cell phones.

Please see the OMA guidance from Attorney General Balderas that is attached (and is also available with other key resources on the NMPED Resources Google Drive at

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D\\_hireFTji5t3owKZ3wxowxWkNLdsZrz](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D_hireFTji5t3owKZ3wxowxWkNLdsZrz) ).

Please email [Alan Brauer](#) with an explanation of your school's needs regarding technology (computer devices, hotspots, internet connections, etc.)

If your school has not already responded to the **Tech Survey**, please complete it as soon as possible at <https://forms.gle/UMKzYsrBpx1ta5T27>

### **How can we conduct board meetings and lotteries?**

Like Governing Board meetings, schools should work to host the lottery virtually as a public meeting. How to access the meeting should be included in the public notice.

If the board needs to go into a closed session, you can use the waiting room feature to remove other attendees.

## SHOUT OUT TO STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH NO FINANCIAL AUDIT FINDINGS

1. Horizon Academy West
2. The MASTERS Program
3. Middle College High School
4. New Mexico School for the Arts
5. Taos International Charter School

**BRAVO!!!**

## Governing Boards Should Still Continue to Meet!!!!!!!

Zoom accounts are free to K-12 schools. See page 1 of this newsletter to sign up!

Read the [Open Government Division Advisory During COVID-19 State of Public Health Emergency](#)

**ALL GOVERNING BOARD TRAININGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY. PLEASE VISIT OUR [TRAININGS OFFERED PAGE](#) FOR FULL DETAILS!!!**

## K-5 Plus Program

We have extended the deadline for these program applications to at least **April 15th**. Should something change, we will let you know. In the meantime, if you have questions about either application, please contact: for K-5 Plus, Severo Martinez at [Severo.Martinez@state.nm.us](mailto:Severo.Martinez@state.nm.us) and for Extended Learning, Feliz Garcia at [FelizE.Garcia@state.nm.us](mailto:FelizE.Garcia@state.nm.us).

[K-5 Plus and K-12 Plus Pilot Programming Memo](#)  
[K-5 Plus and K-12 Plus Pilot Programs Informational Pamphlet](#)

## AP Exam Updates for High School Students

For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered. Some students may want to take the exam sooner rather than later, while the content is still fresh. Other students may want more time to practice. For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates.

- There will be no traditional, face-to-face exam administrations. Students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. For each AP subject, there will be 2 different testing dates.
- Students will take exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work may also be an option.
- College Board is working to provide access for schools and students with limited technology assets. If you have an Advanced Placement technology need, [contact College Board directly](#).
- The exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students should have covered in class by early March.
- Any student already registered for an exam can choose to cancel at no charge.
- AP Coordinators should indicate students' fee reduction eligibility in AP Registration and Ordering by April 30.

For more information, please visit the [College and Career Readiness Bureau's webpage](#).

**JOB WELL DONE!**