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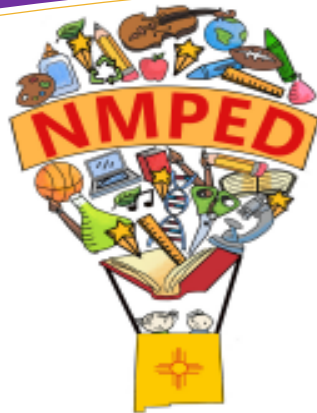
January 9<sup>th</sup> &  
23<sup>rd</sup>

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## Free Show for Albuquerque area High School Students

**The Langston Hughes Project** is coming to town! On February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am, high school students from around Albuquerque will have the opportunity to attend a free show at Popejoy Hall on the UNM campus featuring the Ron McCurdy Jazz Quartet. The Langston Hughes Project is a joyous multimedia concert performance, created around Hughes' kaleidoscopic jazz poem suite. *'Ask Your Mama: Twelve Moods for Jazz'* - set during the period of the Harlem Renaissance - deals with the struggle for freedom and dignity for African American people, and the show connects the historical dots between the Civil Rights Movement, the colonization of African countries and today's landscape.

We are excited to invite your high school students to join us in celebrating Black History Month by attending this campus sponsored event.

**For more information, to confirm the number of seats to be reserved at Popejoy Hall for your school, and to receive a Curriculum Guide, please contact Carla Baron.**

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*"Langston Hughes helps us to better understand that we as people are more alike than we are different. At a time when there is so much divisive rhetoric being spewed, Hughes' words offer a sense of kindness and healing."*

## UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD TRAININGS:

## TWO 8 HOUR CONTINUING GOVERNING BOARD TRAININGS SCHEDULED:

### Santa Fe:

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:30 @

Mabry Hall, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM.

### Albuquerque:

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30-4:30 NM

International School, 7215 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM.

To register, please email: [charter.schools@state.nm.us](mailto:charter.schools@state.nm.us)

Include name, email, and school of anyone registering for training.

# ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATORS

*Applicants may take either the current NMTA exam or the PRAXIS exam.*

Registration is available at **NMTA** (New Mexico Teacher Assessments) and NES (National Evaluation Series) by Pearson through August 31, 2020 **or** the **PRAXIS** exam by ETS (Educational Testing Service) beginning January 1, 2020. Effective September 1, 2020, the NM PED will only offer PRAXIS tests for licensure.

**For more information please visit [Licensure](#)**

## NMPED: Identity, Equity, & Transformation Forum

As we work toward a multicultural education system that fulfills our agency's vision, *Students in New Mexico are engaged in a culturally and linguistically responsive (CLR) educational system that meets the social, emotional, and academic needs of ALL students*, we have released the CLR Framework Roadmap and are holding the event below (see *January* under *Implementation Calendar 2019-2020*).

The NMPED Identity, Equity and Transformation (IET), will offer a forum on identity and civil rights within the context of the CLR Framework Roadmap to NMPED equity team members, school board members, charter school governing bodies, superintendents, charter school executive directors, and Tribal Education Directors.

**Please note: This Forum is focused specifically on the foundations of the CLR Framework. Information on onboarding events and trainings for Superintendent's/Charter School Executive Director's Equity Councils that will begin in January will be provided specifically to be shared with Equity Council leads/coordinators in late December.**

The IET Forum links are below. Please register as soon as possible so that we can make the appropriate accommodations.

NMPED: Identity, Equity and Transformation Forum Registration Links:

- January 23, 2020 in Albuquerque: <http://www.cvent.com/d/yhqd8q>
- January 24, 2020 in Santa Fe: <http://www.cvent.com/d/vhq83>

## LEGISLATION REMINDERS

### Safe Schools for All Students

The Safe Schools for All Students Act was passed during the 2019 New Mexico Legislature. All district school boards and charter school governing boards are required to adopt bullying prevention policies that reflect the new act. These policies must include the following sections:

- Reporting – policies both for reporting bullying and reporting retaliation against reporting bullying
- Investigations – procedures for prompt investigation of reports of bullying, cyberbullying, and retaliation
- Consequences – designed to stop bullying and cyberbullying
- Bullying Prevention Policy Distribution – bullying prevention policies are to be included in student handbooks
- Specific Definitions as Set Forth in the Act – see attached Safe Schools for All Students Act Policy Framework for Compliance

Please read the details for each section in the Safe Schools for All Students Act Policy Framework for Compliance Information regarding this act can be found here <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/bullying-prevention/>

According to the Act, governing boards shall adopt and enforce these [policies](#) by January 1, 2020.

### Changes to Background Checks

As of October 1, 2019, per a cease-and-desist order from the FBI, the NMPED Licensure Bureau will no longer be able to provide background checks directly to schools for employment purposes. Background checks for employment must now be obtained by the school using the school's own ORI number.

Governing boards must develop policies and procedures to require background checks on any person who may have unsupervised access to students on school premises. This includes new employees prior to employment, volunteers, and contractors. Boards must also establish procedures for clearing those background checks for employment.

Please note that THE SCHOOL must pay for a new employee's background check, not the employee, for employment purposes. The school does not have to pay for volunteer and contractor background checks, nor for PED Licensure. (In other words, a new teacher must pay for a background check for initial licensure and the school must pay for a separate one for employment.)

***Please note that the NMPED Licensure Division has moved back to the Jerry Apodaca Education building located at 300 Don Gaspar, Suite 103, Santa Fe, NM, 87501.***