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Public Education Commission Schedules a Community Input Hearing for New Charter School Applicant and a PEC Meeting for July 20, 2020

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) is holding a Community Input Hearing for one new charter school applicant and a regular PEC meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020. The hearing and the meeting will be held via Zoom-Webinar platform.

A Community Input Hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m. and is typically held in the school district where the new school is proposed. Due to the health restrictions, the meeting will take place online. During the public hearing, members of the PEC will listen to comments from the charter school applicant and local school district representatives. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak about the proposed school and identify their concerns or support. The PEC will then question the charter school applicant.

This year there is one application for a new charter school, Aspire Integrated Arts Institute, proposed to be located in the Rio Rancho Public Schools District. Links for public participation via Zoom and information about how to submit written comments or petitions, will be posted on the PEC web page at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2020-public-education-commission-meeting-information/>

A PEC regular monthly meeting for July will be held at 12:00 p.m., also via Zoom-Webinar. The agenda for the PEC meeting and information about how to provide public comment, will be posted on the PEC web page: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2020-public-education-commission-meeting-information/> Information on attendance for both of these meetings will be also included. .

PEC members will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the new charter application at their PEC meeting on August 21, 2020.

The application for the proposed new state charter school is located at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/submitted-applications/>

Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at charter.schools@state.nm.us or 505-827-6909.