



# New Mexico Charter School



## VIRTUAL LEARNING Professional Development Workshop

As K-12 schools across New Mexico incorporate virtual learning into their curriculum, educators need additional strategies for increasing student engagement in that environment. [This workshop will do just that.](#)

Trainings will be held from August 7 through August 19, 2020. Please visit the website for full schedule details and to register.

## TOGETHER WE WILL DO THIS

The PED homepage has a wealth of information for [Parents and Families](#), [Educators](#), and [Administrators](#) (coming soon). Visit the portal links and please share the information with your parents and families alike.

As always, [the PED homepage](#) has the latest information pertaining to COVID-19 and other important updates, including COVID-19 resources for schools, and the latest Reentry District and School Guidance.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you cannot find what you are looking for. Perhaps we may point you in the right direction.

## New Hire Reminder

*NMAC section 22-10A-5(D) amended states:*

D. An applicant who has been offered employment or a school volunteer, contractor or contractor's employee shall provide two fingerprint cards or the equivalent electronic fingerprints to the superintendent to obtain the applicant's, school volunteer's, contractor's or contractor's employee's federal bureau of investigation record. [The public school shall pay for an applicant's background check.](#) A school volunteer, contractor or contractor's employee may be required to pay for the cost of obtaining a background check.

*Please note that all employees are required to have pre-employment, FBI background checks - cleared by the school for employment purposes -PRIOR to beginning employment.*

*Several state charter schools requested an ORI (Originating agency Identifier) number as early as November 2019 but the FBI has not been issuing new numbers, resulting in a significant backlog. Therefore, schools have been advised to enter an MOU with an LEA that has an ORI number in order to process and receive the background check results.*

Please share with your high school seniors!

**I, Too, Am the Dream Contest Information**

This is an exciting invitation for rising high school seniors all across America to participate in the first ever *I, Too, Am the Dream* contest, sponsored by [The Center for Advancing the American Dream](#), founded by philanthropist Michael Milken.

Imagine if young people had a voice to create and inspire the *next* era in America. That is what we aim to accomplish. The purpose of the contest is to **ENGAGE** students in describing dynamic stories about the American Dream, **REIMAGINE** an inclusive and evolving vision, and drive a bold national conversation to **ADVANCE** and grow the American Dream for themselves and others, now and into the future.

In the contest, open from June 2 through September 14, rising high school seniors can submit written responses up to 1,000 words which could be in the form of essays, poems, spoken word, or short stories. See *attached* for an informational flyer, and visit [caad.org/itooamthedream](http://caad.org/itooamthedream) for more details.

**Additional school boards that completed their annual training requirements for FY20:**

- ✓ New Mexico School for the Arts
- ✓ Sydney Gutierrez Middle School
- ✓ Taos Municipal Charter School
- ✓ Los Puentes Charter School
- ✓ Jefferson Montessori Academy
- ✓ Gordon Bernell Charter School
- ✓ Digital Art and Technology Academy
- ✓ Solare Collegiate Charter School
- ✓ New Mexico Connections Academy
- ✓ The ASK Academy



**Way to go, and get ready to do it again!**

**GOVERNING BOARD TRAINING IS BEGINNING!**

Governing board training is available beginning in August! Get a jump on your training hours. See August and September training schedule below. View full [training session schedule](#). **To register for any trainings or if you have questions pertaining to training, please email [charter.schools@state.nm.us](mailto:charter.schools@state.nm.us).**

August 2020		
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	4 pm – 5 pm	Open Governance, Legal & Organizational Performance Requirements
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10 am – 12 pm	Academic Understanding
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Fiscal #1
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Ethics & Responsibilities
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	4 pm – 5 pm	Fiscal #2
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Equity & Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Fiscal #3

September 2020		
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	4 pm – 6 pm	Academic Understanding
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Fiscal #1
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Equity & Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10 am – 12 pm	Fiscal #'s 2 & 3
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	4 pm – 5 pm	Ethics & Responsibilities
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Open Governance, Legal & Organizational Performance Requirements
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	12 pm – 1 pm	Equity & Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	4 pm – 6 pm	Academic Understanding

For full training schedule please visit: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/options-parents-families/charter-schools/trainings-offered/>