



Children can submit questions about COVID-19 to Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham for a Facebook Live event to be scheduled in September. Questions may be submitted using [this form](#), by emailing cyfd.comments@state.nm.us or by calling (800) 832-1321.

Engage New Mexico

ENGAGE New Mexico will continue through the end of the 2020-2021 school year at no cost to participating districts and charter schools. ENGAGE New Mexico is a program offered in partnership with Graduation Alliance to help re-engage middle and high school students who have struggled to adapt to remote learning environments. [Details including how to opt-in to the program are included in this memo.](#)

Schools are encouraged to take advantage of this support service to assist with those students who are not engaged or not participating in school during this remote learning time.

K-5 Plus Update

After consideration and a special legislative session, LEAs are now able to offer K-5 Plus programming this school year with two options:

- Option 1: Provide K-5 Plus programming LEA-wide, adjusting school calendars to 205 instructional days to be completed by June 30, 2021.
- Option 2: Provide K-5 Plus programming with opt-in participation by schools for at least 25 additional instructional days, with funding based on the number of participating students. All programming must be completed by June 30, 2021

If your district would like to participate in the K-5 Plus program this year, please email your school calendar highlighting the designated 25 K-5 Plus instructional days, participating school sites, and your projected enrollment to kfivep.literacy@state.nm.us. **Deadline for submission is Sept. 8.**

See the [complete memo](#) for more detailed information about each option.

2020 Census

PED is pleased to provide this [Census Back-to-School Toolkit](#), which includes drafted letters and resources for both parents and educators, as well as a digital web insert to include on your school website and digital graphics to post on your social media. **Please use these items to promote census participation with your school communities.** As you may know, the Census predicts the federal funding that many of our schools and families rely on every day.

The 2020 Census deadline is September 30!

Training Schedule

As always, the schedule for trainings offered by the Charter Schools Division can be found at [this address](#).

Once on the webpage, scroll down and click **Governing Board Training Session Schedule (PDF)**.



La Academia Esperanza's school board joins the list of school boards that completed their annual training requirements for FY20. Great job!

Schools Seeking Renewal FY21

Renewal applications are due to the authorizer on or before October 1st. If you are a local school considering renewal with the state or state switching to local, please advise us ASAP.

State charter schools will receive site visit notes from FY20 and the Preliminary Part A Data Analysis Reports no later than September 8th. Renewal site visits will be scheduled during the month of October and, at this time, are expected to be conducted in-person. (Of course, this is dependent on the Governor's health orders.)

Schools seeking renewal in FY22 will be invited to renewal training sessions during the second semester.

Congratulations to the below schools for earning an FY21 Fiscal Exemption for training hours.

These schools received an unmodified annual audit in each of the past three years with no material weaknesses, no multi-year repeat findings, no significant deficiencies, and received no more than two compliance findings in the current year.

Albuquerque Charter Academy

Albuquerque Sign Language Academy

Albuquerque Institute of Math and Science (AIMS)

Amy Biehl Charter High School

Anansi Charter School

Cesar Chavez Community School

Coral Community Charter

El Camino Real Academy

Gordon Bernell Charter

Horizon Academy West

Middle College High

Mission Achievement and Success

Montessori of the Rio Grande

Mosaic Academy Charter

North Valley Academy

Sidney Gutierrez Middle School

The Albuquerque Talent Development Academy Charter School

Tierra Encantada Charter School

Vista Grande High School

Governing Board Membership Changes

Please remember to send notice of any changes in membership of your governing board to charter.schools@state.nm.us.

As a reminder, state authorized schools are required to submit notice **within 30 days** of the change.