**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Public Hearing.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to 6.20.2 NMAC, Governing Budgeting and Accounting for New Mexico Public Schools and School Districts. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

**Explanation of Purpose and Summary of Text**

The purpose of the proposed amendment of **6.20.2 NMAC, Governing Budgeting and Accounting for New Mexico Public Schools and School Districts,** is to establish the requirements for calculating funding of program units under the save harmless provision for a school district or charter school with fewer than 200 students.

**Statutory Authorization(s):**

Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, and 22-8-5 NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

**Public Comment.**  Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail to John Sena, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Room 121 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by electronic mail to [rule.feedback@state.nm.us](mailto:rule.feedback@state.nm.us), or by fax to (505) 827-6520. All written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from November 24, 2020 to December 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the page titled, “Rule Notification,” on the PED's website at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>, or may be obtained from John Sena at (505) 570-7816 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact John Sena at (505) 570-7816 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.