

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date:** January 15, 2021

**II. Item Title:** Discussion on Legislative Priorities

**III. Executive Summary:**

The Commissioners will discuss the upcoming legislative session and the priorities of the Public Education Commission. PEC Legal Counsel, Ami Jaeger, will provide information.

For Commissioners' reference, topics raised at the October work session included:

- No management organizations (CMOs/EMOs) should run charter schools (but avoid prohibiting contract services such as School Business Official and partnerships such as NACA-Inspired Network) The PEC attorney will work on specific language. Statute number is 228B4subR.
- PEC would like to have charter school appeals go directly to the District Courts, removing the PED Secretary from the appeal process
- Adding specificity to limit charter school renewal applications to one authorizer with a Notice of Intent (similar to the new application process) and deadline to choose local or state

At the October work session, PCSNM shared legislative priorities that they are working on:

- Provisions for enrollment and SEG: a hold harmless with a 40d adjustment
- Facilities Bill (Senators Candelaria and Ortiz y Pino).
- Oppose Enrollment Cap and Moratorium
- Increase access to transportation funding
- Small school size adjustment: Rural size requirement and additional aid for urban small schools
- Allowing for enrollment preference for the children of charter school staff members
- Finding a path forward for adult education

Other items discussed at the work session related to legislation were:

- Reducing the number of signatures required in order to be on the ballot for PEC
- More details in statute or regulation regarding Lottery/Enrollment