



Grant Opportunity!

The PED is accepting a second round of applications, **due Jan. 8**, for needs-based grants to charter schools to assist with distance learning. The application form is available on the PED's [RFP, RFA, and RFI web page](#), along with an accompanying FAQ. For additional information contact CSP program manager Dr. Brigitte Russell at Brigitte.Russell2@state.nm.us or 505-470-1574 with questions.



Happy Endings and New Beginnings

Farewell

It is with sincere appreciation that we say farewell to the following Public Education Commissioners whose term of service has ended:

Trish Ruiz, Vice Chair / District 9

Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary / District 4

Ricardo Carlos Caballero, District 1

Sonia Rafferty, District 8

Tim Crone, District 10

Thank you for serving as commissioners and being advocates for New Mexico students!

Welcome

We would also like to welcome the newly elected members of the Public Education Commission:

Melissa Armijo: District 1

Rebekka Burt: District 4

Michael Taylor: District 8

KT Manis: District 9

Steven Carrillo: District 10

The first official PEC meeting for the new commissioners will be on January 15th and short biographies will be available on the PEC web page on or before that date.



Virtual
Governing Board
Trainings are
being offered
monthly!

Each month
through May, all
eight (8)
required hours of
training, for
returning board
members, are
available!

Don't delay and
sign up today!
[List of Trainings
Offered](#)

To sign up or
ask questions,
please email
charter.schools@state.nm.us

Attention State Authorized Charter School Leaders

The Charter Schools Division (CSD) will be releasing Preliminary Site Visit reports from 2019-2020, in accordance with the Performance Review & Accountability system. Check for them in [WebEPSS](#) on or around Jan. 8th. School leaders and Governing Board Presidents will receive an email notification when the reports are ready.

You will have 30 days--until February 8th to review and respond to any **Requested Follow-Up** with supporting evidence.

Any school needing support or technical assistance may reach out to the CSD team. CSD contact information can be found [here](#).

Title IV Program Reports

The Title IV Part A risk analysis and 2019-2020 Student Academic Enrichment reports are due Friday, Jan. 15. Please ask your Title IV program director to complete the forms in SharePoint.

Your Title IV Part A director should have received an email with detailed instructions for adding users to the reporting website and for completing the forms. For assistance, please email gregory.frostad2@state.nm.us.

CHARTER SCHOOLS NOTICE OF INTENT

Anyone wishing to open a new charter school in New Mexico is required to file a Notice of Intent by 5 p.m. **Jan. 12**. The Notice of Intent must be submitted to both the New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) through the Public Education Department (PED) and to the district superintendent where the charter school is proposed to be located. [Read the complete memo here.](#)

Research Links

[6 Charts that Changed the Way We Thought About America's Schools This Year](#)

[Improving Education the New Mexico Way: A Report From The Learning Policy Institute](#)

[Planning for Family Engagement in the Charter School Life Cycle: A Toolkit for School Leaders](#)

[WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, 2020 Edition](#)