NEW MEXICO CHARTER SCHOOL NEWS

Please join us at our 6th Annual Charter Leadership Conference to learn about Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and Learning labs!

Dr. Aydin Bal will be presenting at our conference on an educational initiative grounded in justice theory with the ultimate goal of educational systems improvement.

To learn more about Dr. Bal and his work please go to:
http://www.crpbis.org/index.html

Dr. Bal wil be just one of our many presenters! Once we have a completed agenda we will fill you in! We look forward to having you at the Leadership Conference!

SAVE THE DATE

6th Annual Charter Leadership *Virtual* Conference

June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Call for Presenters: Sessions will be approximately one hour each with breaks in between. Proposals should be submitted online via this link no later than **Friday, April 23, 2021**. While vendors are welcome to submit a proposal, only school-based staff are eligible to receive a stipend ($300 per session – to be split among multiple presenters). The Charter Community is seeking practical take-aways and resources that will enable them to continue their progress in serving our students well.

Project ECHO for Literacy Foundations

As you know, only **24% of children in New Mexico are proficient readers by the end of 3rd grade**, and these students will never really catch up. If children do not receive evidence aligned instruction in the classroom, we initiate a destructive and expensive intervention cycle.

Our Team at **Project ECHO for Education is developing a solution**, please follow this link to an overview of our new **ECHO for Literacy Foundations Program** launching this Fall.

Then, please contact Dr. Michael Stanton, Director of Education Programs at UNM's Project ECHO: mpstanton@salud.unm.edu or cell: 505-400-0172

In addition we have four other ECHO Programs available at no cost to School Leaders and teachers. Email educationecho@salud.unm.edu to learn more.

Do you know folks interested in charter school authorizing work?
PED will soon be hiring to fill vacant positions in the Options for Parents and Families Division, as well as seeking contractor support. Please refer qualified candidates to:
- FT positions - https://careers.share.state.nm.us/
- Contractors via SWREC: Email Lisa Pastran lpastran@swrecnm.org

Community Schools Application

The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, April 19, to submit an application for a Community Schools planning grant for SY 2021-22. Eligible schools may apply for a one-year, one-time planning grant for up to $50,000. Additional application details are available at the NM PED Community Schools website.

Stay in Touch with the Public Education Commission (PEC):

PEC's WebPage

2021 PEC Meeting Information

2021 PEC Meeting Calendar

Meet/Contact the Commissioners

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO COMPLETE GOVERNING BOARD TRAINING!

Take your Open Governance and Legal and Organizational Performance Hour with the PEC and the Attorney General's Office!

The PEC is hosting the New Mexico Attorney General's Office from 1:30 to 3:30 during its April 15th work session. During this time the AG's Office will be providing a virtual training on the Open Meetings Act. Governing Board members are invited to view the meeting and receive 1 hour of training credit in Open Governance and Organizational Performance. Please note that since GB members will only be able to participate as viewers, they will not be able to interact with/ask questions of the presenter. Instead the CSD will share access to a Google Doc in which GB members can ask any questions they may have. CSD will then work to answer all questions in the days following the session, with the assistance of the AG's office. To attend this training, please email charter.schools@state.nm.us

April 2021		
Start of the fourth quarter of the fiscal year!!		
Try to hold off on designating any new members until July 1		
Tuesday 6th	12 pm – 1 pm	Ethics & Responsibilities
Thursday 8th	12 pm – 1 pm	Equity & Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices
Wednesday 14th	4 pm – 5 pm	Fiscal #1
Saturday 17th	10 am – 12 pm	Fiscal #'s 2 & 3
Tuesday 20th	12 pm – 1 pm	Open Governance, Legal & Organizational Performance Requirements
Thursday 22nd	12 pm – 1 pm	Equity & Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Practices
Wednesday 28th	4 pm – 6 pm	Academic Understanding

To register please email charter.schools@state.nm.us . Be sure to include the name of the school you serve.

Are you on track with reporting to the Portal?

Charter Schools are expected to update to the Department of Health COVID portal every week. Reports should be made by 10:00AM Monday on:

- ✓ The number of students and staff who are on school grounds or remote,

- ✓ The number of staff participating in surveillance testing,

- ✓ The number of positive cases from the prior week testing, and

- ✓ PPE supply on campus.

If you would like technical assistance on using the portal or are unsure about being on track, please send an email to PED's contractor who can troubleshoot with you: stacydiller@gmail.com

CSP SUBGRANT and DISTANCE LEARNING GRANT INFO.

Charter Schools Program (CSP) Subgrant Applications

Charter Schools Program (CSP) subgrant applications for new charter schools and eligible high quality charter schools that are expanding their enrollment are available on the PED's RFP, RFA, and RFI web page. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis in order to allow schools ready to apply early to have budget authority sooner, as well as allowing schools to have more time to prepare their applications if needed. Applications may be submitted any time after the application is released, but all Phase I Applications (Notices of Intent) must be submitted by **June 30, 2021**. Phase II Applications (submit only if the program manager has confirmed eligibility after submission of Phase I) must be received by **July 30, 2021**. Information about eligibility and funding amounts, as well as a complete subgrant calendar, is available on the NMCSP Subgrant Competition web page.

CSP Peer Reviewers Sought

The competition for FY22 Charter Schools Program (CSP) subgrants opens in April 2021. Applications for CSP Subgrants are evaluated using a rigorous peer review process by a team comprised of one licensed NM teacher, one licensed NM business official, one licensed NM administrator, and one former or current charter school authorizer or authorizing staff, or high level education policy expert. Individuals interested in apply to serve as peer reviewers must apply by April 9, 2021, at 5:00 PM. The application is available on the PED's RFPs, FRIs, and RFAs web page. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Potential reviewers will be notified by April 13 and should be available for a one hour training on the review process to be scheduled between April 14 and 16, and be able to begin reviewing the first applications the week of April 19-23.

CSP Distance Learning Grant Quarterly Reporting

Charter schools in receipt of a Charter Schools Program (CSP) Distance Learning Grant must submit a quarterly report on activity through March 31 no later than **April 30, 2021** using this Google Forms link. Please contact the CSP program manager at Brigette.Russell2@state.nm.us with questions.

CSP Educational Leadership Roundtables

The Charter Schools Program (CSP) grant is sponsoring a series of interactive virtual conversations among charter and traditional school leaders. Facilitators from outside PED will provide a setting for school leaders to network and share innovations that promote learning. The next roundtables will take place **April 21 from 3:00 to 4:30 with a focus on Equity,** and **May 26 from 3:00 to 4:30**. Because the events are open to all school leaders, charter and traditional, spots may fill up quickly, so please register now for the April 21 and/or May 26 roundtables. We'd love to hear what your school is doing to promote equity in a very short Equity Roundtable Survey, and what topics you'd like to see at future events in the (also very short) Roundtable Topics Survey.