



## Conference Recordings

Recordings from the 2021 Charter Leadership Conference are now available! To access the recordings just log into your [Canvas account](#) -> select the Charter Leadership Virtual Conference from your Dashboard-> and click Post Conference Resources.

### Emergency Connectivity Fund

The application window is open for your district to apply for the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF).

It's recommended all charter schools attend the ECF webinar for New Mexico Applicants to be held on July 8 at 10 AM Mountain Time. Use [this link](#) to register.

As a follow-up to the July 8 webinar, you are invited to attend a "charters only" session on 7/13 at 10:00am. There will be a brief review of ECF and then an open discussion will be held. Charter schools should think about how they will use ECF funds to meet a need to provide connectivity and devices (laptops/Chromebooks) to students and staff, and be ready to work with an E-rate consultant to file an application for ECF funding for your project.

There is no need to register in advance for the 7/13 session.

<https://www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org/>

The Charter School's Division would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new charter school leaders who will be starting this school year! We look forward to working with and getting to know each of you!

## REMINDER

All Districts/Charters are required to continue submitting weekly surveillance reports in the NMDOH Portal if there are ANY staff working on campus throughout the summer. Staff working on site must continue participation in surveillance testing or be fully vaccinated. Currently all counties in New Mexico are turquoise, so the current surveillance testing requirement is 5% weekly or a four (4) week average of 5%.

Also, please make sure the sum of the number of staff reported as being fully vaccinated and having tested positive in the last 90 days is not greater than the number of staff reported as working on campus (Staff Live). The NMDOH Portal report should only reflect information regarding staff working onsite during the specified window.

*NMDOH Portal Assignment Reports are due each Monday by 10 am.*

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact *Stacy Diller* at [stacydiller@gmail.com](mailto:stacydiller@gmail.com)

## Attention State Authorized Charter Schools

You were recently given or will soon be given access to your Annual Report via link to a Google Drive folder. Within the folder you will find

- 1) the **Preliminary site visit report** for you to review (no action is needed),
- 2) an **assurances document** for you to download, print, sign, scan and upload into the same Google Drive folder, and
- 3) a form with the **mission-specific goals** from your current contract. Please indicate whether you were able to measure the goals this year, and provide an analysis of the results or explain why you were not able to measure them.

As soon as you are able to complete the goals form and upload it along with the signed assurances document, we will be able to complete the Annual Report for 2020-21. Please note the assurances document will need both the head administrator and the board chair to sign. These documents are due by August 2, 2021.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Director Corina Chavez at [corina.chavez2@state.nm.us](mailto:corina.chavez2@state.nm.us) or (505) 660-1924.

# Policy Changes



## STUDENT DENTAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT



New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 6.12.13 was adopted on April 20, 2021 and outlines the student dental examination requirements for enrollment. Beginning July 1, 2021, this rule requires schools to verify student records of a dental examination within the past year prior to initial enrollment in the district or charter school. If the student has not had a dental examination within the past year, the parent or guardian may sign a Student Dental Examination Waiver indicating their understanding of the risks associated with the student not receiving a dental examination.

Beginning July 1, 2022, NMAC 6.12.13 requires all school districts and charter schools to report end-of-year student data to the NMPED. This data shall include total number of students enrolled with satisfactory evidence (as determined by the district or charter school) of a dental examination within the past year and total number of students enrolled with a signed Student Dental Examination Waiver.

**Governing boards, you will need to update enrollment policies to comply with the new rule.**

Please find a [summary of requirements](#) as well as a [Sample Enrollment Form/Waiver in English](#) and [Spanish](#) available for school-use.

For questions, please contact Ashley Garcia, Medicaid/Health Services Coordinator, at [ashley.garcia@state.nm.us](mailto:ashley.garcia@state.nm.us).

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE

The New Mexico Legislature passed Senate Bill 51 during the 2021 session. This bill provides for an enrollment preference for students whose parents are employees of the charter school. Updated law reads as follows:

Section 22-8B-4.1 NMSA 1978

In subsequent years of its operation, a charter school shall give enrollment preference to:

- (1) students who have been admitted to the charter school through an appropriate admission process and remain in attendance through subsequent grades;
- (2) children of employees employed by the charter school; and
- (3) siblings of students already admitted to or attending the same charter school."

Please note that the number order is the order in which charters should apply preference when enrolling students.

Charter schools will need to update their enrollment policies to reflect this change.

## NO SCHOOL DISCRIMINATION FOR HAIR

During the 2021 session, the legislature passed HB29 and SB 80, which modify Section 22-5-4.3 NMSA 1978 to state that no local school board shall allow for the imposition of discipline, discrimination or disparate treatment against a student based on the student's race, religion or culture or because of the student's use of protective hairstyles or cultural or religious headdresses.

Please insure that your policies are updated to reflect this change.

**Every one of you has worked extremely hard over the last year and a half dealing with unprecedented challenges, difficulties, and sorrows.**

**You all deserve some down time!**

**It is difficult to help students with Social and Emotional Learning if you don't take care of your own social and emotional well-being.**

**Don't forget to take some time for yourself this summer!**

**-The Charter Schools Division**

