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Attached is a letter from the BMEAC on the proposed rule 6.32.2 NMAC, Guidelines for Implementing Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs.

Thank you, Aine García-Post



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Re: Public Comment: 6.32.2 NMAC, Guidelines for Implementing Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs (Amendment)

To PED Public Comment,

On behalf of the Bilingual Multicultural Education Advisory Council (BMEAC), we are providing this statement in response to the proposed amendment to 6.32.2 NMAC, Guidelines for Implementing Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs.

The proposed rule change adds text to allow for language acquisition to be part of the Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs (BMEPs). As interpreted by the BMEAC, this would mean that language acquisition instruction (commonly known as World Language instruction) would be permitted for those students who do not speak their heritage language and/or in place of receiving content instruction in their heritage language. It is also understood this program structure would be a funded NMPED BMEP.

The BMEAC has reviewed this proposal and has determined that this amendment could be an important addition to the existing rule and is one that could enhance our efforts to support bilingualism across New Mexico. It is essential, however, that oversight and safeguards be put in place to ensure that current BMEPs are not diluted or replaced by this program. The BMEAC remains committed to ensuring that existing high-quality programs, which promote bilingualism and biliteracy, remain in place; we are resolute that financial resources not be diverted from these programs.

All students deserve the opportunity to learn multiple languages. We know that this enriches them culturally, socially, and academically. We trust that this new rule will enhance these opportunities for students across New Mexico and look forward to a collaborative effort with the Language and Culture Division to ensure that all BMEPs thrive and meet the unique needs of the students that they serve.

Sincerely,
The Bilingual Multicultural Education Advisory Council