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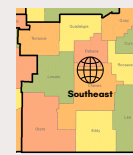
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INTRODUCING COMMUNITY SCHOOL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (QMC) TEAM

The New Mexico Department of Education (NMPED) Community Schools (CS) team is excited to announce and introduce the Regional CS Quality Management Coordinator (QMC) Team. This talented, experienced team will serve different regions throughout the state, providing support for CS Coordinators and site-based leadership teams. They can provide in-person assistance with grant deliverables and reporting, the NMPED CS grant applications, the CS strategy, and other regional collaborations. The FOC provides assistance with budgets, approval of expenditures and training on sustainability. The QMC team members are thought partners for CS practitioners across the state and are centered in innovation, collaboration and community.

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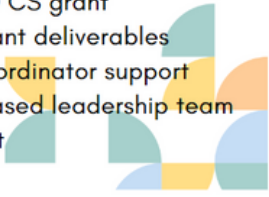
QMC TEAM MAP & RESOURCES

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (CS) QUALITY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (QMC)

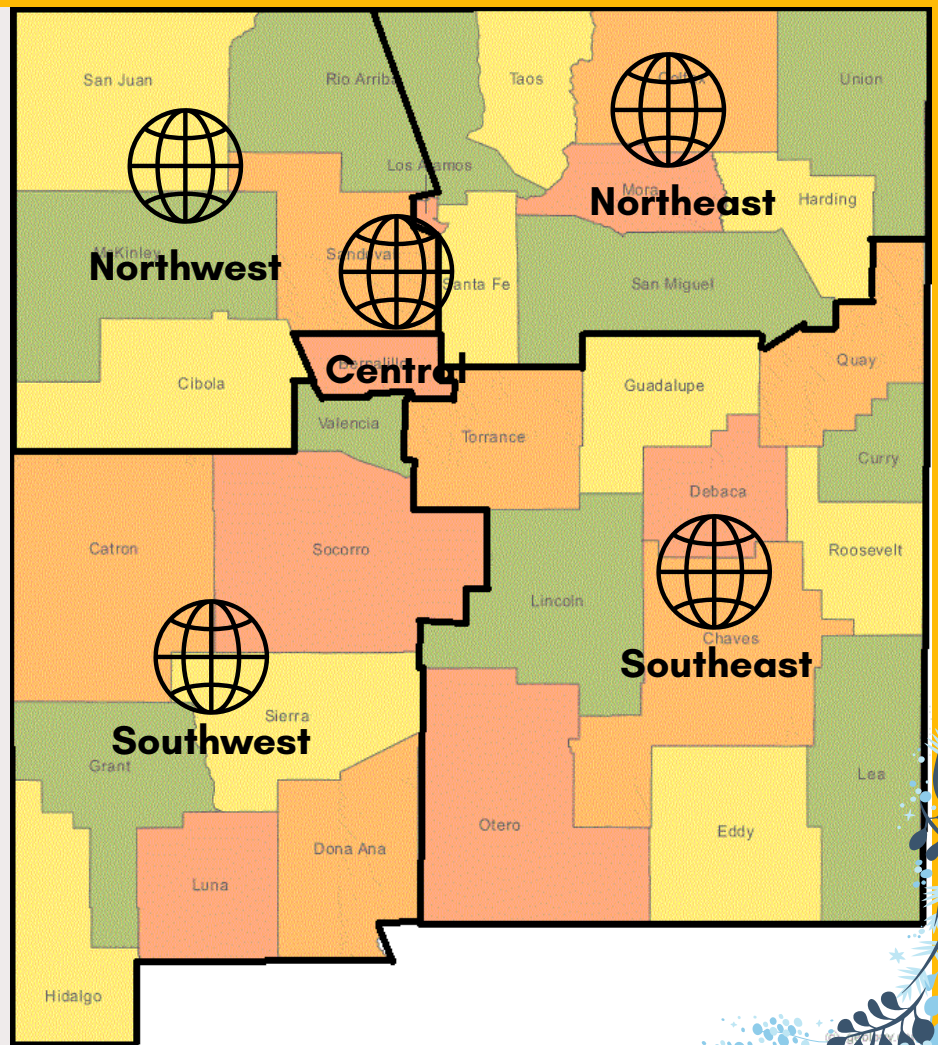


Contact a QMC for the following:

- Application support for the NMPED CS grant
- CS Grant deliverables
- CS Coordinator support
- Site-based leadership team support



SEE QMC WEBSITE
ON CS NMPED
WEBSITE UNDER
"RESOURCES"



WELCOME CS EVALUATION TEAM

The NMPED CS team is happy to announce the new CS Evaluation Team which will conduct a statewide evaluation on community schools and provide tools to schools for continuous data-driven improvement. This team is comprised of a group of professional external evaluators (Apex) from NM: Carlos Romero, Michelle Bloodworth and Catherine Wolfe Bornhorst. An internal team from NMPED (REA & Community Schools) will collaborate with Apex as the group evaluates implementation and outcomes of CS. We invite all CS to support this team as they analyze data and provide tools for continuous improvement. The first report will be given in SY24-25.



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SY24-25 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT APPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) Community Schools (CS) team is excited to announce the Community Schools Grant applications for SY 24-25. The applications are open to all public schools (including district and state charters) that qualify as a schoolwide Title I school. The grants available (see table right) are for Planning Year 0, Implementation Years 1-3 and Extension Year 5. The timeline (see page 2) shows when applications will be open and when all applications and budget proposals will be due. The intentions of this application process are to assess a schools readiness to become a community school, which is a 'new way of doing school'.

The **Planning Year 0** Grant total is up to \$50,000 for planning. This funding will be used to build relationships and collaboration and collect schoolwide and community wide data. In this planning year, schools will have a full-time CS Coordinator and opportunities for family, community and student engagement initiatives to build a site-based leadership team. A full, comprehensive Community School Strategic Plan will be created in year 0.

SY24-25 CS GRANTS
Planning Year 0 \$50,000 Planning
Implementation Years 1-3 \$150,000
Extension Year 5 Determined by NMPED

**ALL GRANT FUNDING
SUBJECT TO CHANGE
BASED ON NM STATE
LEGISLATION**

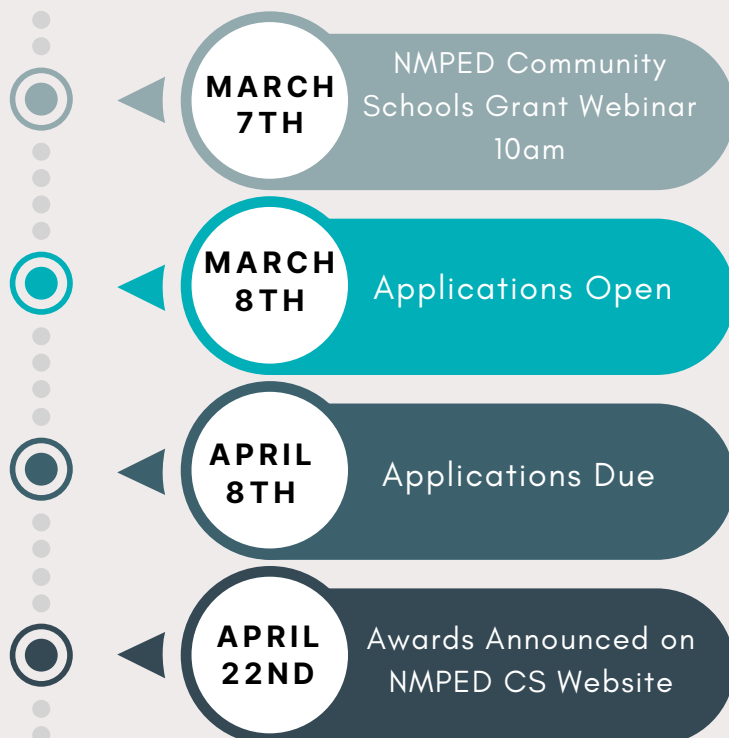


The **Implementation Grant** total is up to \$150,000 for 3 consecutive years (Years 1-3) and demonstrates readiness for data-driven implementation and shared decision making. In these implementation years, CS will have a full-time CS Coordinator and opportunities to implement the CS Strategy in the 6 Key Practices. Schools interested in the Implementation Grant submit a full application. Schools already awarded an implementation grant (years 2-3) submit a budget proposal and CS Strategic Plan.

The **Extension Grant** total is determined by PED for 1 year (Year 5) for schools in advanced stages of CS implementation. This year is intended to continue data-driven and continuous improvement, establishment of financial and systemic sustainability, and preparation for possible above-the-line funding by participation in a pilot program. Funding can be used for partial (up to 75% FTE) CS Coordinator position, CS professional development, and pipeline service providers. Schools submit a form with required artifacts and information.



GRANT APPLICATIONS TIMELINE



GRANT APPLICATION READINESS TOOLKIT



Budget Proposal Template



CS Strategic Plan



Grant Guidebook SY24-25



Budget Guidebook SY24-25



Community Wide Survey



Principal Self-Assessment



Commitment to Collaborative Leadership



School Board Report



Abstract

Applications & Readiness Toolkit available on the NMPED Community Schools Website



2ND ANNUAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

The Coalition for Community Schools Capacity Building Sub-Committee is currently planning our Annual Community School Conference. The 2024 theme is Heads - Hands - Health - Heart! This year we will be holding our conference in the Fall, 2024 in hopes to provide synergy to launch your year, allow for availability of grant funding to fund conference travel, and based on feedback from around the state, finding a more suitable time to be away from your campus. Last year's conference was a huge success so we are excited to announce this year's conference will be expanded to 2 days! In the spirit of collaboration, we want to capture the assets, needs, and experiences you embody and establish them as the cornerstone of our planning for a meaningful conference experience. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey (QR code below).



For all NMPED granted community schools, it is required that the CS Coordinator, CS Principal and at least one other member of the SBLT attend the 2-day conference. The NMPED team encourages schools to bring youth, families and school staff to the conference. Community partners that are interested in having a table at the conference, please contact Asha Hernandez.

Contact for the Conference:

Sub-Committee Chair Bryan Garcia, bryan.garcia@aps.edu, Sub-Committee Co-Chair Naomi Chavez Lopez, nchavezlopez@lcsps.net, or NMPED CS QMC Asha Hernandez, asha.hernandez@ped.nm.gov.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fall 2024

Early September, 2024

2-day Conference

2-day hands-on workshops
and guest speakers

Who is Invited?

CS Coordinators, CS
Principals, Site-based
leadership team members
(including youth, families and
staff), and Community Partners

What is the cost?

Entrance is free. Funding for
hotel and meals can come
from the NMPED Community
Schools grant or other funding
identified by the district or
school.