

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

### Public Hearing

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, that it will conduct a public hearing for the following proposed rulemaking on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501:

### New Rule 6.12.16 NMAC, Healthy Universal School Meals

The PED will give a verbal summary statement, on record, at the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed rulemaking. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three minutes to make a statement concerning the proposed rulemaking. To submit written comment, please see the Public Comment section of this notice.

### Explanation of Purpose of Rulemaking, Summary of Text, and Statutory Authority

#### 6.12.16 NMAC, Healthy Universal School Meals

**Explanation:** The purpose of the proposed rule is to establish the standards and procedures for certification to implement the Healthy, Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.

**Summary:** The proposed new rule establishes the process by which school food authorities demonstrate compliance and earn certification to establish a healthy universal school meals program. The rule also explains the program's funding mechanism and distribution.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-13-13, 22-13-13.2, and 22-13C-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule.

### Public Comment

Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail or e-mail.

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Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The PED encourages early submission of written comments.

### Public Comment Period

The public comment period is from Tuesday, April 23, 2024, to Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision of the proposed rulemaking at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained from Denise Terrazas at (505) 470-5303 during regular business hours or may be accessed through the PED Policy and Legislative Affairs webpage titled, "Proposed Rules," at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Denise Terrazas at (505) 470-5303 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.