

*Presentation for the Legislative Education Study Committee*

# **School Board Training: SB137 Implementation Update**

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# Updating Board Member Training

- Senate Bill 137 (SB137), enacted in the 2024 legislative session, emphasized the importance of training for school board members and charter school governing board members to effectively carry out their duties.
- The New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) and PED's Charter School Division (CSD) have historically provided regular training for school board and charter school governing board members.
- While the charter school governing board members will receive similar training as in the past, SB137 included identical training requirements for governing boards and school boards, which reflects an increase in training requirements for school board members.

# Implementation: Collaboration

- PED Policy and Legislative Affairs (PALA) Division staff has attended training events organized by the NMSBA and the CSD, including presenting the outcomes of the 2024 Legislative Session at the NMSBA spring regional meetings.
- NMSBA and CSD have been presenting the requirements of SB137 to board members and school officials and responding to questions about implementation.
- PED PALA staff have participated in implementation planning conversations with Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) staff, NMSBA, and CSD.
- The department is committed to continuing to work with LESC, NMSBA, and CSD on implementation of the new requirements.

# Implementation: Rule Updates

The department is planning to update existing rules to facilitate the implementation process. Changes the department is considering include:

- providing clarification on how to implement webcasting and archiving requirements;
- establishing timelines and processes for reporting the requirements on NM Vistas;
- including cultural sensitivity training; and
- requiring board members of highly Indian impacted school districts to attend tribal consultation.

# Legislative Considerations

The department may bring the following legislative considerations for the upcoming legislative session:

- amending the requirements to allow the department to remove individual board members for misconduct;
- (fill in when receive more info from GF)

# Thank you!

## For Questions

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