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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, District Test Coordinators,
Accountability Leads

FROM: Mariana D. Padilla, Secretary Designate of Public Education 

RE: 2023–24 ESSA Accountability Model School Designations Embargo

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires state education agencies to develop accountability systems that meaningfully differentiate schools on an annual basis. This memorandum announces the embargo window for New Mexico’s 2023–24 ESSA accountability model school designations. Districts and charters need to plan for the following events:

2023–24 ESSA Accountability Model Embargo Office Hours: The PED will provide each district and state charter their school designation calculations in the Secure Online Assessment Portal (SOAP). The embargo will open at **8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024** and close at **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2024**.

- SOAP account logins can be requested through: reni.kuruvilla@ped.nm.gov.
- LEAs desiring to submit appeals during the embargo window must use [this form](#).

- The PED AREA Division will host two repeat accountability office hours for district and charter accountability leads. During this time, the PED will review accountability designation business rules and facilitate participant questions:
 - Option 1: Wednesday, October 23, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
[Register here](#)
 - Optional 2: Thursday, October 24, 10:30–11 a.m.
[Register here](#)

LEA/Charter Notification of School Designations 2023–24: The PED will provide LEAs and charters with a memo containing all school designations by November 12, 2024.

Public Release of School Designations: School designations will be published publicly on [NM Vistas](#) on **Tuesday, November 12**. The PED and its NM Vistas provider, Real Time Solutions, will host an NM Vistas training to assist new district and charter administrators in navigating the website:

- November 12, 9:00 a.m.
[Register here](#)

The PED endeavors to continue building transparency when communicating its state accountability model and data. For Accountability inquiries, please email lynn.vasquez@ped.nm.gov or david.winjum@ped.nm.gov.

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