

Memo regarding tribal consultation, November 12, 2024
NMSA 22-8B-12.2 D
Six Directions Indigenous School

The Public Education Commission is considering a possible revocation of Six Directions Indigenous School. The statute requires that the following information be provided.

In addition to tribal outreach conducted by the Chair of the PEC to the Navajo Nation and the Zuni Tribe, the PEC provides the following information outlined by statute as part of the tribal consultation:

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D. Consultation shall include, among other actions, open meetings in which the charter school authorizer and the head administrator of the charter school explain:

(1) the reasons for closing the charter school;

The PEC has not yet voted on the possible of the school and will do so on November 12, 2024. However, the concerns with the school, including the resignation of all members of the board of the school, is posted here: [PEC Meeting agendas](#)

(2) the reasons why the charter school has not or cannot provide additional resources to keep the charter school open;

If the school is revoked, it will not be based on whether or not additional resources are available to keep the school open. The school, if it remains open, will continue to receive the funding that is provided under the State Equalization Guarantee just as all other New Mexico public schools receive.

The legal grounds for non-renewal are:

NMSA 22-8B-12-K. A charter may be suspended, revoked or not renewed by the chartering authority if the chartering authority determines that the charter school did any of the following:

(1) committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards or procedures set forth in the charter contract;

(2) failed to meet or make substantial progress toward achievement of the department's standards of excellence or student performance standards identified in the charter contract;

(3) failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;

(4) for a charter school located on tribal land, failed to comply with ongoing consultations pursuant to the Indian Education Act; or

(5) violated any provision of law from which the charter school was not specifically exempted.

(3) locations of other public schools in the vicinity to which students will be sent and the plan to transport students to those schools;

Charter schools are schools of choice. The families of the students will make the decision as to where their child may go to school. If this school is closed, no student will be “sent” to any particular school.

Each student will be allowed to attend his/her local school in their neighborhood. More information on Albuquerque schools is set forth below in question 5.

Local options within the district are listed here: [Gallup-McKinley County Schools](#)

Whether or not transportation is provided for students will depend on the school selected by the family. The family should ask each school of interest about transportation.

- (4) how the public school receiving new students will consult with tribal leaders and members and families of students attending the public school related to:
- (a) culturally and linguistically responsive school policies;
 - (b) rigorous and culturally meaningful curricula and instructional materials;
 - (c) sensitivity to the tribe's calendar of religious and other tribal obligations when making the school calendar; and
 - (d) professional development for school personnel at the public school to ensure that the best practices used in teaching, mentoring, counseling and administration are culturally and linguistically responsive to students;

Tribal education status reports are found here:

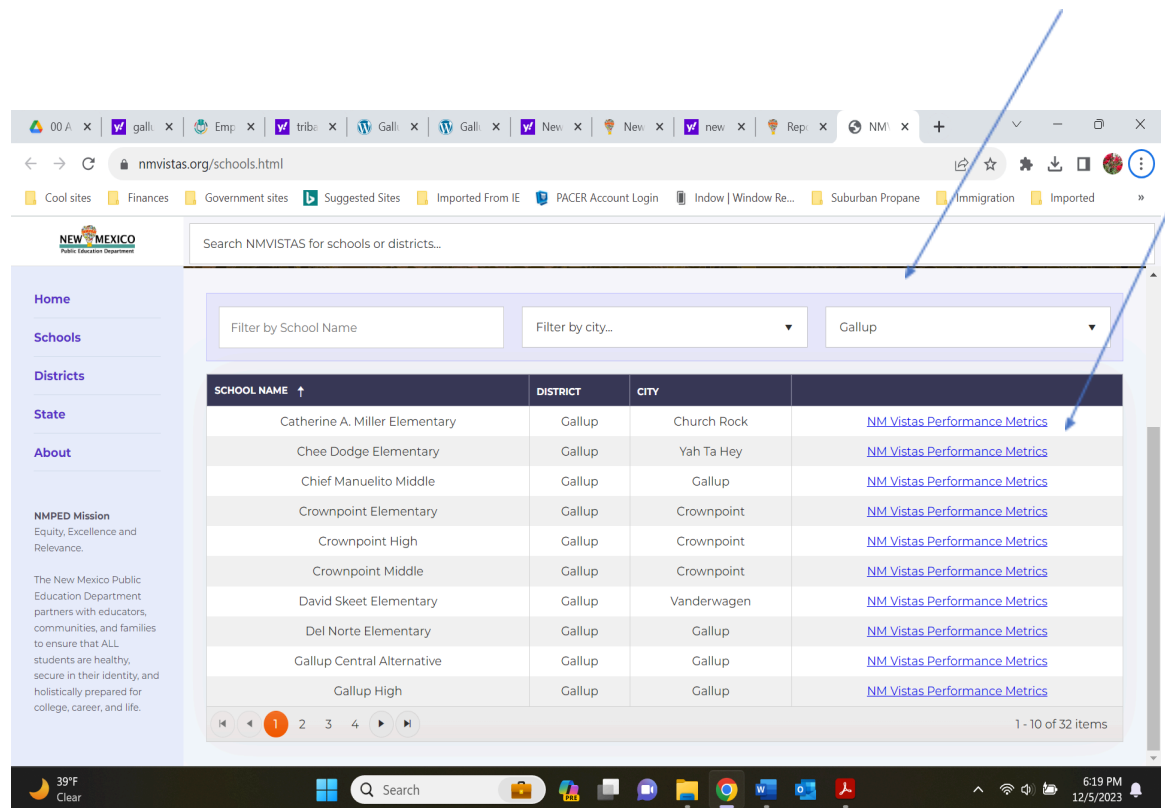
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/indian-education/reports/>

The [Gallup-McKinley-Schools-TESR-SY20-21.pdf](#) for 2021 is also available.

- (5) how the educational outcomes for the Indian students will be improved by attending another public school;

Charter schools are schools of choice. The families of the students will make the decision as to where their child may go to school and which school will provide the educational outcome for that child. If this school is closed, no student will be “sent” to any particular school. The family will be able to identify the best choice for the student.

The educational outcomes for students in other schools are listed here: <https://nmvistas.org/schools.html>, and search by district and then click on any Vista Performance report



(6) plans for the public school buildings that will be left empty by the closure; and

It is unknown what the plans are for the building presently housing the school. This will be determined during the closure process if the school is closed.

(7) any other matters the charter school governing body and head administrator believe provide an adequate explanation of the reasons for closing the charter school.

None. The PEC hearing on renewal is open to the public. The link to attend the hearing is found here: [PEC Meeting agendas](#)