

Dear Navajo Nation leaders:

Hello. I am Pattie Gipson, Chair of the New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC). We are the authorizer for New Mexico state charter schools. We will be holding renewal hearings in November related to two schools that have submitted charter renewal applications with the PEC and that are also designated as Indian-Impacted schools with the Navajo Nation being the primary consultation entity.

These applications are posted here: [Renewal applications](#). I would like to invite you to provide input into the renewal process when we hold the hearings regarding these schools. Information on the agenda for renewal hearings will be posted here: [PEC renewal hearing agenda Nov 12-14](#)

The schools with designations to consult with the Navajo Nation are

<b>School</b>	<b>Hearing date (Zoom available)</b>	<b>Staff recommendation on renewal</b>
ACES Technical Charter School	November 12, at approximately 10:30	The Charter Schools Division (CSD) recommends renewal for five years with the following conditions:  1. The school expands Special Education support by hiring at least one licensed Special Education teacher and comply with Office of Special Ed monitoring and technical assistance to make improvements in serving students with disabilities.  2. The school identifies and serves English learners appropriately, correcting all issues identified in the August 13, 2024, Technical Assistance and Focused Monitoring (TAFM) letter from the PED Language and Culture Division (LCD).
The Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	November 13, at 8:00 a.m.	The Charter Schools Division (CSD) recommends renewal with a charter contract term of five years, without conditions

Dził Dít'ooí School of Empowerment, Action and Perseverance (DEAP) is a third school in this category. Their renewal hearing will be in December. We will follow up with another email closer to that time regarding that school and its renewal hearing.

Please reach out to me ([PEC.DistrictSeven@ped.nm.gov](mailto:PEC.DistrictSeven@ped.nm.gov) ) or Director Corina Chavez ([Corina.Chavez2@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Corina.Chavez2@ped.nm.gov)) with any questions. We look forward to consulting with you on any issue you would like to raise and hearing your comments if you are able to attend in person or virtually at our meeting. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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