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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** New Mexico STEM Education and Community Members

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

**RE:** Requesting Applicants for the Math and Science Advisory Council

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The Math and Science Bureau (MSB) at the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) is seeking new Math and Science Advisory Council (MSAC) members. The creation of the MSAC is required by state statute at 22-15E-4 and 22-15E-5 NMSA 1978. Applicants with expertise in the following areas are sought:

- public schools and charters (math and science teachers and administrators with math and science curricula/teaching/implementation experience);
- public, postsecondary educational institutions with expertise in math or science education; and

The new council members will be appointed for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2026. The MSAC's purpose and duties are as follows:

- Make recommendations to the MSB and the PED regarding the statewide strategic plan for improving mathematics and science education.
- Advise the MSB, the PED, and the legislature regarding appropriations for math and science education, administration, resources and services, including programs for students and staff.
- Work with the MSB in determining the need for improvement in math and science achievement of public school students and make recommendations to the PED on how to meet these needs.
- Produce an annual report on public elementary and secondary mathematics and science student achievement to be submitted to the PED, the governor, and the legislature no later than November 30 of each year.

## Application

To apply, [please complete the application form](#) and submit the following:

- Letter of Interest (addressed to Mariana D. Padilla, Secretary of Public Education), addressing your reasons for applying to serve as a member and describing the unique contribution or skills you can offer to the MSAC.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (including participation in relevant, professional associations and work experiences)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will be kept for one year. Please complete the application and upload the letter of interest and resume/curriculum vitae [within the application](#).

For further clarification, contact Patricia Gharrity, Assistant Director of Math and Science, at [patricia.gharrity@ped.nm.gov](mailto:patricia.gharrity@ped.nm.gov) or (505) 469-1665.

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