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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

**Public Hearing.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. The location of the public hearing is subject to change due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 and in accordance with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Executive Order 2021-012, Renewing the State of Public Health Emergency Initially Declared in Executive Order 2020-004, Other Powers Invoked in That Order, and All Other Orders and Directives Contained in Executive Orders Tied to the Ongoing Public Health Emergency; or with any executive order that supersedes Executive Order 2021-012. Continuous updates on hearing changes and Zoom information will be provided on the PED website. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to 6.30.15 NMAC, Community Schools. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

## **Explanation of Purpose of Text**

The purpose of the proposed new rule **6.30.15 NMAC**, **Community Schools**, is to provide criteria for the development and implementation of the community schools act. Development and implementation includes establishing a set of research- and evidence-based strategies and best practices that support students and their families by making schools centers of the community that reflect local needs, assets, and priorities.

## **Summary of Text**

The proposed new rule **6.30.15 NMAC**, **Community Schools**, includes the statutory requirements that must be met for the implementation of a community school initiative, details what eligible applicants must submit to the PED to be considered for a community school grant, and outlines the responsibilities of the Coalition for Community Schools. Additionally, the proposed new rule contains the responsibilities of a lead partner agency, including employing a community school coordinator.

# **Statutory Authorization(s):**

Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, and 22-32-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

**Public Comment.** Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail to John Sena, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Room 121, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:rule.feedback@state.nm.us">rule.feedback@state.nm.us</a>, or by fax to (505) 827-6520. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from Tuesday, June 8, 2021 to Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the page titled, "Rule Notification," on the PED's website at <a href="http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/">http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/</a>, or may be obtained from John Sena at (505) 570-7816 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact John Sena at (505) 570-7816 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.