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New Mexico Schools To Benefit from 2019 Session Stan's Straight Talk

Colleagues:

The New Mexico Legislature has unanimously confirmed Dr. Karen Trujillo as the Secretary of Public Education. She is a New Mexico native and brings a strong, diverse practitioner background to the job. Karen served on the NMCEL Board for many years and has been a champion for supporting our teacher educator development through her many roles including Educators Rising. Already, she has reached out to Superintendents and other educational leaders to engage the "field" in policy direction and decision-making.

In her Senate Rules Committee Hearing, she used a fitting analogy to a rebuilding of a northern New Mexico church in which her family was part, in urging us, New Mexicans, to build back our New Mexico Public Education System "adobe by adobe and brick by brick" until it is a fulfillment of our community. Congratulations to our new Secretary of Public Education, Dr. Karen Trujillo!



Photo: Renee Lucero

Dr. Karen Trujillo, newly confirmed New Mexico Education Secretary, addresses attendees at the NM School Personnel Association conference.

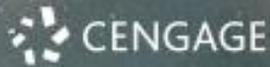
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Public Input Needed as NM Leaves A-F Grades Behind

The NM Public Education Department is working toward a better method on measuring student success. During this transition from the previous A-F school grades, you have the chance to let the PED know what is good or bad with the proposed changes to the NM plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act. Comments about proposed changes to "Section 4: Accountability, Support, and Improvements for Schools" are being captured through an online public survey on the PED's homepage: webnew.ped.state.nm.us/. And, with the assistance of New Mexico State University, more community conversation meetings will be held in

Las Cruces, Ruidoso, Bernalillo, Gallup, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Artesia, Farmington and Deming. [See the schedule here.](#)

The PED is proposing the new "Spotlight School" designation and "Levels of Support" which is a shift in philosophy from "failing" schools to celebrating success and providing support for schools in need. In schools with low academic performance, "we believe the system is failing the school—not the other way around," [as stated in the Section 4 proposal.](#)



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Stan's Straight Talk (cont. from p. 1)

STAN ROUNDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Meanwhile, the Legislature is finishing its business during the first of this month and is scheduled to adjourn at noon on March 16. The work that is likely to be accomplished includes the passage of new public school changes that incorporates an increase to the number of instructional days including "extended learning time" and "K-5+" which are both optional program decisions by local districts that are funded for a total of approximately \$212.7 million. A key consideration for districts will be whether to amend calendars and pursue those options for next school year. Additionally, the legislature is likely to provide approximately \$113.2 million for all districts through an increased "at-risk factor" (raised to 0.250 from 0.130) and

approximately \$160.1 million for compensation increases for public school personnel. Additionally, there is a large increase for instructional materials likely amounting to a total (recurring and non-recurring) of \$56.5 million.

It is likely that the Martinez/Yazzie Lawsuit review by the Courts on/about April 15, 2019 will prove to determine if the approach taken by the Legislature, and the "plan" that the Legislature has adopted through the General Appropriations Act and HB5/SB1 actions, are sufficient to convince the court of compliance with Judge Singleton's ruling. Certainly, the roughly 16% increase in public school funding will rank as one of the largest efforts of the last 30 or more years.

As we move forward to the end of this school year and emerge into the new fiscal year, the public schools in New Mexico are challenged to design and implement the changes from this legislation. We urge districts to immediately begin to determine their trajectory options in these implementations.

One feature of the legislation in the General Appropriations Act that is likely to prove wise will be the re-creation of the State Support Reserve Fund designed to assure that the PED is able to set an initial unit value as high as possible. The GAA places \$25 million into that fund to protect the "credit" assumptions in the GAA and, for FY 20, any unexpended funds from the public school fund (including extended learning and K-5+ funds) will revert to the State Support Reserve Fund assuring future expenditure of those funds will remain in the public school stream.

Indeed, we are off to a "running start" for next year. We stand ready to support our membership in planning and strategic design. We are as close as your phone.

Best Regards,
Stan



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NM School Personnel Association Conference a Success

CHRIS PASH, NMSPA PRESIDENT

On February 5 and 6, the New Mexico School Personnel Association (NMSPA) held its 1st annual conference at Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. The conference was a day and a half and had over 200 attendees. The highlight of the conference was the opening address by Dr. Karen Trujillo, the new Secretary of Education.



The first annual NMSPA conference drew a good cross-section of professionals from across the state.

Some of the 36 presentations included "What's the Problem?," "HR Devil's Triangle," and "How to Better Serve Today's Customers."

The 2nd annual conference will be February 4 and 5, 2020 in Albuquerque. NMSPA looks forward to continuing to serve district HR and Personnel Departments across the state through regular communication, updates, and training in the coming year. Districts are encouraged to join the Association, if they have not already. We are currently working on a membership drive and are looking to update our website and sharing of resources for our members.



Sue Passell, Executive Director of Human Resources for Rio Rancho Public Schools, presents an award for conference partner First Financial represented by Nicole Brown

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The Aspiring Superintendents' Academy (ASA) is entering its tenth year of working with administrators who aspire to become superintendents in New Mexico school districts. This comprehensive and beneficial program allows participants to experience a curriculum designed to provide them with the requisites for success in a superintendent's position.

Participants in Cohort 10 were able to interact with experts covering an array of topics from building budgets to building solid relationships with board members and their communities. As a result, during their mock interviews with volunteer board members from various districts, they were touted as being exceptionally well prepared. Their program of study will be completed in June of this year.

Past participants who have since become superintendents around New Mexico include Travis Dempsey, Cloudcroft; Susan Wilkinson-Davis, Jemez Valley; Ricky Williams, Hagerman; Richard Perea, Santa Rosa; Lillian Torrez, Taos; Bonnie Lightfoot, Roy; Ricky Espinoza, Carrizozo; and Max Perez, Belen.

Applications for Cohort 11 are now available for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested individuals are required to complete the simple application and submit it electronically to NMCEL at stan@nmcel.org. A panel of administrators will interview prospective candidates.

Applications are due by close of business on May 31, 2019.

Applicants will be selected and notified by June 14, 2019.

Qualifying Criteria — Applicants must:

- Be a practicing school administrator in a New Mexico school;
- Have had five years successful administrative experience;
- Hold a valid New Mexico administrator's license;
- Have the concurrence and written support of the applicant's superintendent;
- Commit to participating fully in all aspects of the program;
- Complete the application form and submit required documents;
- Participate in a panel interview prior to final selection mid-June;
- Pay the \$1,000 registration fee, if selected.

For an overview of the scholarship and for the application form, visit the [NMCEL website](#). Interested parties may call NMCEL at 505-217-2345 for further information

Esports Season Underway

DUSTY YOUNG, ASSOC. DIRECTOR, NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The inaugural high school Esports season got underway with the first match taking place on February 26. Esports was approved as a sanctioned activity under the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) umbrella last June and should engage nearly 500 students in its first year.

"Gaming has become extremely popular across the country, and now New Mexico students can experience Esports within an educational setting while also competing for a state title," said Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director.

More than 30 high schools have committed to participate in the 2019 Esports season which runs through mid-April. The season will culminate with online championships on April 27. Schools and their students will be able to participate in three different game titles including League of Legends, Rocket League, and Smite.

The NMAA has partnered with PlayVS to serve as its Esports provider and schools will utilize their cutting-edge platform to compete this spring. Coaches will be able to manage team rosters, view match schedules and brackets, as well as track player stats and more through their PlayVS online coach dashboard.

Unlike traditional sports, PlayVS teams can be comprised of any students, without tryouts and regardless of experience, gender or age. There will be no limit to how many unique teams each school can have, which creates a "no-cut" environment and allows all students a chance to compete.



More Information pertaining to high school Esports can be found on the [NMAA website](#) or directly from PlayVS at <https://www.playvs.com/>.

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Thursday begins with registration and breakfast followed by the day’s opening remarks, keynote address and multiple breakout sessions. The final day features more informative sessions and the conference wraps up by noon with two \$300 cash prizes!

[Take a peek at the draft agenda](#) and take advantage of the early registration price by [registering here](#) soon.

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2019 Golf Tournament Sponsorship Levels

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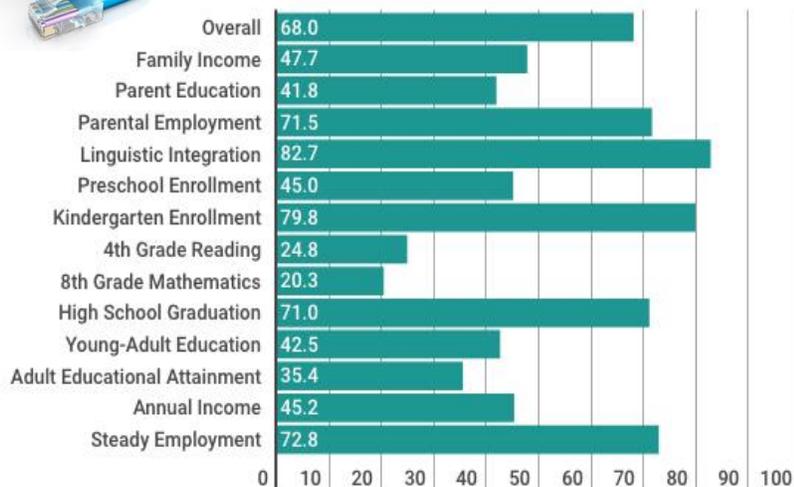
Staying Current

Here are this month's suggestions from Stan's desk, computer and mobile device. Send your "Staying Current" suggestions to info@nmcel.org:



▶ WHAT'S ONLINE

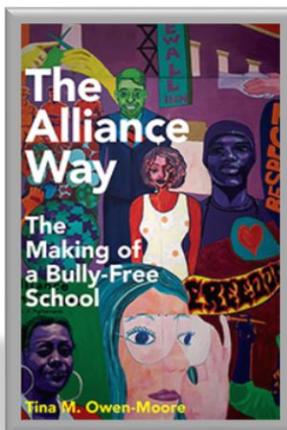
[Quality Counts 2019: Grading the States; See "New Mexico's Chance for Success"](#)



▶ GOOD READS

[The Alliance Way: The Making of a Bully-Free School](#)

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Amazon-\$31



Upcoming Events

NMAA

March 12-16: 2019 NMAA State Basketball Championships, DreamStyle Arena (UNM), Santa Ana Star Center and Bernalillo HS

March 28-29: 2019 NMAA State Spirit Championships by Varsity Spirit, DreamStyle Arena (UNM)

NMASBO

March 27-29: Spring Budget Workshop, Hotel Albuquerque; [See the tentative agenda](#)

NMCEL

April 4: Board Meeting, 10 am, NMAA Building, Conference Rm. A

June 3-4: Annual Retreat, Hotel Chaco; more information soon

NMSSA

March 27: Executive Council, 6 pm Dinner, the evening before the Spring Budget Workshop

March 28: Meeting, 11:30 am-3 pm, Hotel ABQ; Lunch followed by Business Mtg. at the Spring Budget Conference, Franciscan Room

New Mexico Legislative Session

March 16, Legislative Session Ends



NMCEL Scholarship Update:

An amazing group of NM seniors were nominated for the 2019 NMCEL Scholarships. The applications are being reviewed and selected students will be interviewed on April 5 in Albuquerque. The finalists will be notified by May 6. We look forward to awarding two \$3,000 scholarships at the NMCEL Summer Conference awards dinner on July 25, 2019 in Albuquerque.



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