

New Mexico School for the Arts
Head of School Report: February
Report by Cindy Montoya

NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.

Charter School Site Visit

CSD will be conducting their site visit on April 27, 2016. NMSA staff is working to begin collecting the appropriate documentation to share.

SB-141

A bill that reduce the small unit value funding allocated to charter schools

Next Step Planning Meetings

As required by law, NMSA conducted its NSP meetings on Friday, February 5th, for all students in grades 9-11. Meetings will be rescheduled for any students and families that missed the meetings.

Surveys

Parent and students surveys were completed during this meeting. Mr. Newell will present the updates at a GC meeting this Spring.

Quality of Ed Surveys

As required by law, NMSA Quality of Ed survey will be updated and posted on our website by the end of the week. Parents will receive a digital notice inviting them to reply to the survey request.

Background Check

It was incorrectly reported in the SF New Mexican that NMSA had incomplete background checks records or had failed to submit the documents on time. In fact, we were fully compliant on 9/15/2015 and submitted all documentation as requested. The email with this required information failed to be forwarded to the appropriate departments. After working with the Licensure for almost a day, the correct documents were delivered to the Secretary of Education's office.

Data Errors Persist

Data errors related to College and Career Readiness (CCR) and the District Report Card/GC Training hours have been reported. Due date, they have not been corrected to our satisfaction. The District Report Card information will be

addressed at the CSD on-site visit. A letter is being drafted regarding the CCR data.

Certified Procurement Officer

As required by statute, Cindy has received the required training and certification through NMSU's program. NMSU will report this information to the appropriate agencies. Copies of the certificate will be shared with CSD during the site visit.

Food Service

A report regarding Food Services will be presented at the March GC meeting.

Job Fairs

Mr. Crites and Ms. McKinley will attend the NMSU and UNM job fairs as NMSA is seeking to hire two to three ELA/Social Studies teachers due to retirements and resignations.

Sick Leave Bank

P Matthews reported that charters will need to create sick leave banks as outlined in recent legislation. I am working with Jolene to confirm this requirement.

Tech Bond Passes

According to the SF New Mexican (2/3/2016):

"Santa Fe County residents voted Tuesday to approve the renewal of a technology note for Santa Fe Public Schools that will continue to levy property taxes for three more years to fund the district's five-year Digital Learning Plan.

The tech bond's passage will allow the district to continue building technological infrastructure at schools and provide computers and software to students, with the 90-acre Santa Fe High School campus a top priority in the next cycle.

County officials released the unofficial results of Tuesday's election at around 9:30 p.m., which showed that nearly 62 percent of the total 4,650 voters in the election, or 2,880 people, cast ballots in favor of the technology bond, and 1,766 voted against it.

Just over 6 percent of eligible voters cast ballots."

NMSA was included in the bond. Special thanks to Ruben Desangles for his work revising the NMSA Technology Plan and creating supporting documents. I am unclear on the bond's impact on property taxes.