

New Mexico School for the Arts  
Head of School Report: April  
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*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**

We are awaiting the Charter School Division report regarding the Site Visit.

**PARCC**

NMSA began End of Course and Finals exams the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. The PARCC testing ended testing on April 19<sup>th</sup>. A major testing irregularity was reported to NMPED. We have not received information as to the final outcome.

**Facilities Issues**

We continue to have plumbing problems and we continue to work with the church and the plumber to resolve them.

**Ed Technology Note Funds**

NMSA is awaiting information regarding the SFPS's distribution of technology funds.

**Lease Extension**

NMSA has begun discussions with the Archdiocese regarding a lease extension through July 2018.

**IDEA B**

The IDEA B application is due to NMPED on May 12 and will be approved by the GC at the May 11, 2016 meeting for submission on May 12.

**Title 1**

Title 1 application should be completed by May 13<sup>th</sup> for submission by May 18.

**Title 2**

Title 2 application should be completed by May 12<sup>th</sup> for submission by May 20.

**Audit Report**

The NMSA audit findings report was submitted to NMPED on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PEC Report**

We will begin creating the report on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, for submission to the PEC on or near June 1.

**Daily Schedule**

The Daily/Weekly Schedule will change to reflect a rolling block. See attached.

**NMPED Portal**

NMPED will no longer support Blackboard as a platform for online classes. NMSA will need to migrate all course content to a new learning management system (LMS) *Brightspace*. Unfortunately it will not be available until July 1. We are awaiting information regarding training. We continue to work on the transition plan.

**Lease Reimbursement**

The lease reimbursement application and supporting documents will be sent to Patty Matthews for review. The submission date is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. State Charters are under close scrutiny and the lease reimbursement has been denied to schools if the documents are incomplete.

**Intent to Rehire**

Letters were delivered to NMPED employees on April 22, 2016.

**Capital Funds Outlay**

School plans for capital outlay are due to NMPED.