

**New Mexico School for the Arts  
Head of School Report: March 2017  
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.*

**Auditions**

Student selection letters were sent out on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Students have several weeks to make the decision to attend NMSA. As students decline, additional students will be invited to attend. Our goal is to enroll 220 students for SY2017018.

**Budgets**

The anticipated SY2018 budget will be shared at the March GC meeting.

**CSD Review**

NMSA continues to respond to the Charter School Division findings related to the annual on-site review. Cindy expects to have all documents uploaded no later than 3/22/2017.

**Fence Repair and Parking Lot Repairs**

The north parking lot fence needs to be repaired due to vandalism that occurred during the Thanksgiving break. Someone drove through the fence from the church side. The potholes have been repaired and we are in the process of cleaning up all grounds.

A boiler issue has resurfaced and we are working to make those repairs.

Gayle is planning now for summer repair and painting.

**Lease Extension**

PSFA decline to approve the first lease extension due the issue regarding AI's coverage of maintenance. With the help of Pat

**Lease Purchase Agreement**

Patty Matthew has begun developing a lease-purchase agreement between NMSA and the Art Institute. The Ed Specs has been submitted to PSFA along with the attached letter requesting approval to begin the process.

**Operating Costs**

The first draft of the operating costs will be shared with the GC at the 3/14 meeting.

**Clinical Counselor**

NMSA has received a commitment of up to \$50,000.00 to cover the costs of a clinical counselor with the knowledge that NMSA will move the position into the operational budget within three years.

**Delle Grant**

NMSA is waiting for a response from the Delle Foundation regarding the \$75,000.00 technology grant. We are building the budget without it.