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Public Notice

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Public Hearing Scheduled on Grading Public Schools

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing in Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501, on October 31, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The NMPED will conduct a second public hearing at Alamogordo Public Schools, Board of Education Meeting Room, 1211 Hawaii Avenue, Alamogordo, New Mexico, on November 2, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input on the proposed adoption of a new rule to implement the “A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act,” which requires the establishment of an easily understandable system for grading all public schools based upon criteria stated in the rule and also provides options for students enrolled in schools rated F for two of the last four years. The rule would be codified as 6.19.8 NMAC and entitled, “Grading of Public Schools”.

Interested individuals may provide oral or written comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to Ms. Mary H. Deets, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Public Education Department, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786 (MaryH.Deets@state.nm.us) (505) 827-6641 fax (505) 827-6681. To be considered, written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed on the Department’s website (<http://ped.state.nm.us/>) under the “Public Meetings and Hearings” link, or obtained from Ms. Deets at the email address or phone number indicated.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in either of these meetings are asked to contact Ms. Deets as soon as possible. The NMPED requires at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

Following the hearings, the Secretary of Education will review comments from the public and make a decision on the rules. The rules will be formally filed with the State Records and Archives Center and become effective on the date stated in the rules. Individual school districts will then draft local policies that will be approved by their Boards of Education and the Public Education Department.