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NEWS RELEASE

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Public Hearing Set for PED Rule Concerning School District Calendar Requirements

SANTA FE –The Public Education Department will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501-2786 on a Public Education Department proposed amendment of rule 6.10.5 NMAC “SCHOOL CALENDAR REQUIREMENTS,” which amends the recently amended former Variable School Calendar rule.

In the 2010-2011 school year, districts and charter schools will be required to structure their instructional calendars based on days per year instead of hours per year. This hearing is regarding amendments being made to the length of day requirement and waiver provisions.

This proposed rule would amend the existing 6.10.5 NMAC School Calendar Requirements rule.

Proposed Rule Number	Proposed Rule Name	Proposed Action
6.10.5 (B), (C), (G) NMAC	SCHOOL CALENDAR REQUIREMENTS	Amend current School Calendar Rule, specifically the Length of School Day and Waiver sections.

Interested individuals may testify either at the public hearing or submit written comments to Julia Rosa Emslie, Director, Quality Assurance Bureau, Public Education Department, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786 (juliarosa.emslie@state.nm.us) (505) 827-4292 fax (505) 827-4242. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. However, the submission of written comments sooner than the hearing date is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed on the Department’s website (<http://ped.state.nm.us/>) or obtained from Julia Rosa Emslie, Director, Quality Assurance Bureau, Public Education Department, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786 (juliarosa.emslie@state.nm.us) (505) 827-4292 fax (505) 827-4242.

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

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