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Public Hearing Scheduled for New Rule on Charter School Application and Appeal Requirements

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) will conduct a public hearing from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009 in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, Mabry Hall, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87001-2786 to obtain input on the proposed rule for the Charter School Application and Appeal Requirements

This new rule will amend the old rule to reflect legislative changes in the area of Governing body training, Rule of 75 Lottery, Application requirements and other legislative changes.

Interested individuals may testify at the public hearing or submit written comments to Charter Schools Division, Public Education Department, 5600 Eagle Rock Ave. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M., 87113, Tel.: (505) 222-4762; Fax: (505) 222-4769 (don.duran@state.nm.us) Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on June 1, 2009. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged. Written comments shall suggest specific reasons for any suggested amendments or comments and include any proposed amendatory language.

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Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed on the Department's website (<http://ped.state.nm.us/>) or obtained from Michael C de Baca, Administrative Assistant, Charter Schools Division, Public Education Department, 5600 Eagle Rock Ave. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M., 87113, and Tel.: (505) 222-4762 michael.cdebaca@state.nm.us. The proposed rule will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearings.

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 Mr. C de Baca, as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

Following the hearing, Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica C. García, will review comments from the public and make a decision on the rule.

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