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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Public Hearing Scheduled for New Rule on English Language Development Standards

**Santa Fe** – The Public Education Department (PED) will conduct a public hearing for a new rule on New Mexico English Language Development (ELD) Standards in room 128 of the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, August 3, 2009. The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain input on the rule.

The redesigning of the Standards was a team effort organized in the Fall of 2008 by the PED Bilingual Multicultural Education and Title III Bureaus. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and corresponding state statutes mandate that states administer a standards-based English language proficiency test annually to all English Language Learners (ELLs) in Kindergarten through grade 12 in public schools. The revised NM PreK-12 ELD Standards comply with the mandates of this legislation and are based on current theory and research of language acquisition.

Interested individuals may testify either at the public hearing or submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking to Gladys Herrera-Gurule, Ph.D., Bureau Chief, Bilingual Multicultural Education and Title III, Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar, Jerry Apodaca Building Room 303, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 [gladys.herrera-gurule@state.nm.us](mailto:gladys.herrera-gurule@state.nm.us) fax (505) 827-6563. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2009.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed on the Department's website (<http://ped.state.nm.us>) or obtained from Gladys Herrera-Gurule, Ph.D., Bureau Chief, Bilingual Multicultural Education and Title III, Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar, Jerry Apodaca Building Room 303, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 [gladys.herrera-gurule@state.nm.us](mailto:gladys.herrera-gurule@state.nm.us) fax (505) 827-6563. The proposed rules 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 Gladys Herrera-Gurule, Ph.D., as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

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