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NEWS RELEASE

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Public Hearing Set for This Thursday in Santa Fe on New Mexico School Bus Standards

SANTA FE - The Public Education Department School Transportation Bureau will conduct a public hearing at Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786, on Thursday, June 17, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to discuss amendments to Rule 6.40.2 NMAC dealing with New Mexico school bus standards.

Rule Number	Rule Name	Proposed Action
6.40.2 NMAC	New Mexico School Bus Standards and School Bus Phase-Out	Amend

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input on construction standards for school bus body and chassis specifications. Amendments apply to new vehicles, including all types of school buses as defined in the section entitled "Definitions." Some of the amendments will pertain to school bus brakes, electrical system, maximum speed limiters, bumpers, doors, inside height, lamps and signals, mirrors, restraining devices, and windshields. One major change will be the discontinuation of Type A-1 school bus vans, with single dual wheels.

Interested individuals may testify either at the public hearing or submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking to Mr. Carlos M. Santiago, School Transportation Bureau Chief, Public Education Department, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786 (Carlosm.santiago@state.nm.us) (505)-827-6643 fax (505) 827-5802.

Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2010. However, submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

The proposed rulemaking actions may be accessed on the Department's website (<http://ped.state.nm.us>) or obtained from Carlos M. Santiago, School Transportation Bureau Chief, Public Education Department, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786 (Carlosm.santiago@state.nm.us) (505)-827-6643, fax (505) 827-5802. 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 Mrs. Patty Gallegos (patty.gallegos@state.nm.us) at (505) 827-6639 as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

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