Rule Overview

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Overview of Proposed Rule

Agency: Public Education Department
Rulemaking Action: New Rule
Date of Notice: October 20, 2026
Public Comment Period: October 20, 2026, to November 20, 2026
Rule's Purpose: This proposed rule would establish requirements about notification, review, approval, implementation, and departmental recognition of changes in a school or educational program's organizational structure.

Summary of NMAC 6.30.20: Organization of Grade Levels, Reorganization, and Approval by the Secretary

The Public Education Department (PED) is proposing a new rule that would establish a formal process by which a school or school district can make changes to the organizational structure of schools or programs under their jurisdiction. Changes to organizational structure would include establishment, reorganization, closure, relocation, or discontinuation of school and programs; changes to grade configurations and attendance areas; and changes to distance learning schools and programs. This new formal process for reviewing and approving organizational changes would require community notification and tribal consultation (if applicable) prior to applying to the department. A school district or school would have to submit a written notification of an intent to make an organizational change by October 1 of the school year before the change would take effect. A complete application would need to be submitted to PED by December 1 to be considered. The secretary would then have the authority to approve the application as submitted, approve the application with conditions, or disapprove the application in its entirety.

Under New Mexico Administrative Code 6.29.1.9, schools must submit a waiver to PED to request approval for any changes to organizational patterns or the opening or closing of a school. If adopted, the proposed rule would create a new application and a formalized process by which PED will review organizational change applications and respond to instances of noncompliance.

Material Organizational Changes

The proposed rule requires written notification from the PED secretary before a school district or school may implement a material organizational change. Changes that would fall under this category include:

- the creation of a new public school, school campus, or educational program operated by the school or school district that is a separate organizational unit or materially changes the way a school or school district provides educational services;
- the establishment, expansion, reduction, relocation, or discontinuation of a distance learning school or distance learning program;
- the closure, consolidation, or suspension of operation of a public school;
- a change in grade configuration or grade levels served;
- the creation, modification, consolidation, or elimination of a school attendance area or attendance zone;
- the reorganization, merger, division, or annexation of a school or school district or school attendance area; and

- any other change to a school's or school district's organizational pattern designated by the department as requiring approval.

Notification and Consultation Requirements

Community Notification. The proposed rule would require schools planning to request approval for an organizational change to submit documentation of their efforts to notify their community of their plan. The rule would mandate timely and meaningful notification, demonstrated by public meeting dates; copies of public notices; sign-in sheets; lists of people and groups who were notified; opportunities for student, staff, and parent input; and public comments. PED would also be allowed to prescribe additional notification requirements depending upon the scope and nature of the proposed change.

Tribal Consultation. If a material organizational change would impact an historically defined Indian impacted school district, tribe, pueblo, or nation, the school would have to provide timely notice to them. To allow tribes, nations, and pueblos to evaluate the proposal, schools would need to provide them with "information reasonably necessary" to do so. The consultation process would have to take place prior to the school or school district finalizing a decision. Consultation would also need to be documented, recognize tribal sovereignty, and align with federal and state laws.

Application Elements

PED's proposed rule outlines the 19 required elements of a complete application for a material organizational change. These elements would include a description and rationale of the proposed change, evidence of compliance with the proposed rule's notification provisions, evidence of tribal consultation, anticipated effect on student enrollment and student assignment, anticipated effect on educational programs and services, and the anticipated effect on staffing and personnel, among others.

Department Review Criteria, Departmental Recognition, and Noncompliance

The proposed rule lays out 15 criteria by which PED will review applications for organizational changes:

- The educational interests and needs of students;
- Educational adequacy;
- The fiscal solvency and operational capacity of the school or school district;
- The anticipated effect on enrollment and student assignment;
- The anticipated effect on educational programs and services;
- The anticipated effect on students with disabilities, English learners, Native American students, economically disadvantaged students, and other student populations protected by state or federal law;
- Compliance with notification and tribal consultation requirements;
- Compliance with reasonable requests for information;
- Compliance with state and federal law, including applicable court orders;
- The impact on equity, access, and continuity of educational services;
- The anticipated effect on transportation and facilities;
- The fiscal and operational feasibility of the proposed change;
- The alternatives considered by the school or school district; the school or school district's implementation plan; and
- Other factors necessary to ensure educational adequacy, fiscal accountability, equitable access, or compliance with law.

PED would also provide a school district or school with written notice of its decision on their application. However, the proposed rule does not include a timeline for this decision. PED would also not recognize

an implemented material organizational change by a school district or school until the department grants approval for the change. Schools who make these changes without PED approval could be excluded from department reporting, accountability, or other official calculations as permitted under the law. Specifically, an unauthorized organizational change would not be factored into state school funding calculations to the extent the law allows.

The proposed rule would also allow PED to take corrective action against a school district or school that makes an unauthorized organizational change, including requiring that change to be reversed. Finally, a departmental approval of an organizational change would not be considered a waiver for state and federal educational requirements.

Implementation

The proposed rule would prohibit a school or school district from implementing a material organizational change until they receive written approval from the secretary. The school or school district would also need to implement the change based on the terms and conditions established by the secretary during the approval process, and notify the secretary if circumstances change between approval and implementation. The proposal would also allow the secretary to modify, suspend, or withdraw their approval if information in the application was inaccurate or incomplete, circumstances affecting the proposed organizational change have shifted, or if a school district or school fails to comply with legal and regulatory requirements. Any changes to the agreed-upon implementation plan must also receive written approval from the secretary.

Exigent Circumstances

The proposed rule would allow the secretary to modify or waive entirely the timelines the rule creates if an exigent circumstance prevents compliance with them. These circumstances could include:

- Emergency closure of a facility;
- A natural disaster affecting a school's operations;
- An immediate threat to the health and safety of students and staff;
- An unexpected loss of a facility or operational capacity;
- An unforeseen circumstance where an immediate organizational change is needed to maintain educational services; or
- Another circumstance the secretary determines to warrant an exception.

Reporting Requirements

Under the terms of the proposed rule, PED would be empowered to set specific reporting requirements for approved organizational changes. This is intended to ensure PED can monitor compliance with the terms of approval, the proposed rule, and state and federal laws. The proposed rule does not specify what sort of information might be required as part of this reporting mechanism.

Impact

The proposed rule would have a significant impact on school districts and schools operating in New Mexico by establishing extensive notification and approval requirements prior to making organizational structure changes to any schools or educational programs. School districts and schools seeking to make any type of material organizational change would need to conduct and document community notification and tribal consultation.

Charter School Governance Implications. The proposed rule's language could create confusion as to how its provisions would impact charter schools. Charter schools' organizational structures are approved by their authorizer, either the Public Education Commission (PEC) or a local school district. It is unclear how the proposed formal process for material organizational changes would interact with that existing process or whether the school would *also* be required to submit a material organizational change application to PED. As written, it is also unclear whether the proposed rule grants the PED secretary authority that potentially conflicts with the statutory oversight role of the PEC or local school boards over charter schools.

Broad Authority for the Secretary. The proposed rule would grant broad authority to the secretary and PED to add further criteria to its review and oversight process. While the stated intent of the rule is to provide consistent standards and guidance for all school districts and schools looking to make a material organizational change, these provisions could undermine that goal. PED granting itself the authority to decide when a scenario not covered explicitly by the rule falls under the rule's purview could create the potential for different oversight efforts for different programs and schools. PED would be empowered to determine what constitutes a material change, an exigent circumstance, or a required notification or reporting element if not specifically mentioned in the rule. This would introduce a degree of ambiguity for school districts and schools. A lack of clarity over what might be deemed a material organizational change could lead to confusion for local education officials and contribute to delays in local decision making.

Distance Learning. While not solely directed at programs and schools of this nature, the proposed rule is likely to particularly impact the expansion of distance learning programs and schools in New Mexico. Laws 2026, Chapter 8 (House Bill 253), directed PED to promulgate rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the Distance Learning Act. In alignment with this legislative directive, the proposed review and approval process created by PED would add a higher level of scrutiny to efforts by school districts and schools to create or expand distance learning offerings. The processes outlined in the proposed rule are likely in part a response to recent incidents where school districts have submitted reorganization requests to PED to create a separate school code for their distance learning programs or announced the expansion of an existing distance learning program without prior departmental approval. If adopted, the proposed rule would create a more rigorous process through which PED could assess the feasibility and quality of distance learning programs and schools before they could begin or modify operations.

TITLE 6 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CHAPTER 30 EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
PART 20 ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS, REORGANIZATION, AND APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY

6.30.20.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Public Education Department, hereinafter the department.
[6.30.20.1 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.2 SCOPE: School districts, charter schools, the educational programs of state institutions, bureau of Indian education (BIE) schools, and private schools.
[6.30.20.2 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-5-4.13, and 22-8B-12.2 NMSA 1978.
[6.30.20.3 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[6.30.20.4 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: December 22, 2026, unless a later date is cited in the history note at the end of a section.
[6.30.20.5 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.6 OBJECTIVE: This rule establishes the requirements and procedures for the notification, review, approval, implementation, and departmental recognition of changes to the organizational structure of local school districts and charter schools, including the establishment, reorganization, closure, relocation, or discontinuation of public schools and educational programs; changes to grade configurations and attendance areas; and changes to distance learning schools and programs. This rule promotes educational adequacy, fiscal accountability, equitable access to educational services, continuity of services to students, meaningful community and tribal consultation, and compliance with both state and federal law.
[6.30.20.6 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. "Attendance Area" means the geographic area or attendance zone designated by a local education agency for purposes of assigning students to a public school.

B. "Distance learning school or program" means a public school or educational program that provides instruction through distance learning, as defined and governed by applicable department rules.

C. "Exigent circumstance" means an unforeseen circumstance that requires a local education agency to implement a material organizational change on an accelerated basis to protect the health or safety of students or staff, maintain educational services, address an emergency affecting a school facility or essential operational capacity, or respond to another circumstance determined by the secretary to warrant an exception to the timelines established by this rule.

D. "Material change to organizational structure" or "**material organizational change"** means a change to the organizational structure, configuration, operation, or geographic organization of a local education agency or public school that requires prior written approval of the secretary. "Material change to organizational structure" does not include an ordinary modification to curricula, course offerings, instructional practices, staffing assignments, or other routine operational matter

E. "Secretary" means the secretary of education.

F "Tribal consultation" means a formal, government-to-government dialogue between two governing bodies, and in this case, school districts or charter schools and tribal leadership to ensure direct, timely and measurable dialogue on educational policies affecting Native American students.
[6.30.20.7 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.8 MATERIAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL:

A. Except as otherwise provided by law, a school or school district shall not implement a material change to its organizational structure without the prior written approval of the secretary.

B. A material change to organizational structure includes, but is not limited to:

(1) the creation of a new public school, school campus, or educational program operated by the school or school district that constitutes a separate organizational unit or materially changes the manner in which the school or school district provides educational services;

(2) the establishment, expansion, reduction, relocation, or discontinuation of a distance learning school or distance learning program;

(3) the closure, consolidation, or suspension of operation of a public school;

(4) a change in grade configuration or grade levels served by a public school or school district;

(5) the creation, modification, consolidation, or elimination of a school attendance area or attendance zone;

(6) the reorganization, merger, division, or annexation of a school or school district or school attendance area; and

(7) any other change to a school's or school district's organizational pattern designated by the department as requiring approval.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a school or school district's authority to take actions otherwise authorized by law that do not constitute a material organizational change.

[6.30.20.8 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.9 INITIAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE:

A. A school or school district proposing a material organizational change shall provide written notice to the department no later than October 1 of the school year preceding the school year in which the proposed change is intended to take effect, unless extended to a later date by the secretary of education. The initial notice shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the department and shall include, at a minimum:

(1) the name of the school or school district;

(2) the public school, educational program, attendance area, distance learning school or program, or other organizational unit affected by the proposed change;

(3) a description of the proposed material organizational change;

(4) the proposed effective date;

(5) the reason for the proposed change;

(6) the anticipated number of students affected;

(7) the anticipated effects on educational programs and services;

(8) the anticipated effects on staffing, information technology, facilities, transportation, enrollment, curricula, and the school or school district's fiscal condition;

(9) evidence of intent to conduct tribal consultation prior to submission of the complete application, if such consultation is necessary under 6.30.20.11; and

(10) any other information reasonably requested by the department.

B. Submission of an initial notice does not constitute approval of the proposed organizational change and does not authorize the school or school district to implement the proposed change.

[6.30.20.9 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.10 COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION:

A. A school or school district proposing a material organizational change shall provide timely and meaningful notice to affected students, parents and guardians, employees, and other affected stakeholders.

B. Notice shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the school or school district's final action on the proposed organizational change to allow affected persons a reasonable opportunity to review the proposal and provide input.

C. The school or district shall provide documentation of community notification and stakeholder engagement conducted, including, as applicable:

(1) the date or dates of meetings or other engagement activities;

(2) copies of notices provided;

(3) sign-in sheets or other documentation of attendance;

(4) the methods used to provide notice;

(5) the persons or groups notified;

(6) a description of opportunities provided for public, parent, student, or staff input; and

(7) comments or other input received, when available.

D. The department may prescribe additional notification requirements based on the nature and scope of the proposed organizational change.

[6.30.20.10 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.11 TRIBAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION:

A. A school or school district proposing a material organizational change shall determine whether the proposed change affects a historically defined Indian impacted school district, including through effects on Native American students, tribal communities, tribal lands, attendance areas, educational programs, transportation, or access to educational services.

B. When a proposed material organizational change may affect an Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo, the school or school district shall provide timely notice to each affected Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo and shall initiate tribal consultation sufficiently in advance of the school or school district's final decision on the proposed change to permit meaningful consideration of tribal input.

C. Consultation shall occur between a school or school district and a tribal leader or their duly appointed designee before decisions are finalized.

D. Consultation shall be documented, and conducted with commitment and good faith, honoring tribal sovereignty and aligning with federal and state laws, including ESSA Section 8538 and the New Mexico Indian Education Act.

E. The school or school district shall provide an affected Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo with information reasonably necessary to evaluate the proposed organizational change, which may include:

(1) the nature and purpose of the proposed change;

(2) the proposed effective date;

(3) the number and characteristics of students potentially affected;

(4) anticipated effects on educational programs and services;

(5) anticipated effects on transportation, facilities, enrollment, and school assignment;

(6) alternatives considered by the school or school district; and

(7) other information reasonably requested by the Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo.

F. The school or school district shall document tribal consultation, including:

(1) the identity of each Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo consulted;

(2) the dates and methods of consultation;

(3) the information provided;

(4) concerns, recommendations, or conditions communicated by the Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo;

(5) the school or school district's response to those concerns, recommendations, or conditions; and

(6) copies of written correspondence, meeting records, or other documentation demonstrating that consultation occurred.

G. A school or school district shall comply with any additional tribal notification, consultation, consent, or approval requirements established by state or federal law.

H. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, diminish, or supersede the sovereign authority of an Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo or any rights established by state or federal law.

[6.30.20.11 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.12 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL:

A. A school or school district proposing a material organizational change shall submit a complete application, including all required documentation, to the department no later than December 1 of the school year preceding the school year in which the proposed change is intended to take effect, unless extended to a later date by the secretary of education. Any requests received after December 1 may not be approved for the following school year.

B. The application shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the department.

C. The application shall include, as applicable:

(1) a description and rationale for the proposed organizational change;

(2) the proposed effective date;

(3) evidence of compliance with the notification requirements of this rule;

(4) evidence of tribal notification and consultation required pursuant to this rule and applicable law;

(5) the anticipated effect on student enrollment and student assignment;

(6) the anticipated effect on educational programs and services;

(7) the anticipated effect on students with disabilities, English learners, Native American students, economically disadvantaged students, and other student populations protected by state or federal law;

(8) the anticipated fiscal and operational effects on the school or school district;

(9) the anticipated effect on staffing and personnel;

(10) the anticipated effect on transportation;

(11) the anticipated effect on school facilities;

(12) proposed attendance area or attendance-zone changes, if applicable;

(13) proposed distance learning operations or changes to a distance learning school or program, if applicable;

(14) alternatives considered by the school or school district and the reasons those alternatives were not selected;

(15) the proposed implementation plan;

(16) evidence of approval or action by the appropriate governing authority:

(a) a copy of the board resolution approving the requested reorganization, signed by the school board or governing body;

(b) copies of agendas and meeting minutes showing discussion of and vote on the requested reorganization; or

(c) other evidence the school board or governing body considered and voted to approve the requested reorganization;

(17) all relevant school district or charter school policies that affect the proposed material organizational change;

(18) all relevant documentation regarding the implementation of the reorganization; and

(19) any other information reasonably required by the department.

D. An application shall not be considered complete until the school or school district has demonstrated compliance with the notification and tribal notification and consultation requirements applicable to the proposed organizational change.

E. The department may request additional information and documentation reasonably necessary to determine whether the proposed organizational change complies with state or federal law or satisfies the requirements of this rule.

[6.30.20.12 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.13 DEPARTMENT REVIEW AND DECISION:

A. Upon receipt of a complete application, the department will review the proposed material organizational change.

B. In reviewing an application, the secretary may consider:

(1) the educational interests and needs of students;

(2) educational adequacy;

(3) the fiscal solvency and operational capacity of the school or school district;

(4) the anticipated effect on enrollment and student assignment;

(5) the anticipated effect on educational programs and services;

(6) the anticipated effect on students with disabilities, English learners, Native American students, economically disadvantaged students, and other student populations protected by state or federal law;

(7) compliance with notification and tribal consultation requirements;

(8) compliance with reasonable requests for information;

(9) compliance with state and federal law, including applicable court orders;

(10) the impact on equity, access, and continuity of educational services;

(11) the anticipated effect on transportation and facilities;

(12) the fiscal and operational feasibility of the proposed change;

(13) the alternatives considered by the school or school district;

(14) the school or school district's implementation plan; and

(15) other factors necessary to ensure educational adequacy, fiscal accountability, equitable access, or compliance with law.

C. In addition to the application itself, the secretary may also consider supporting documentation including:

(1) student reassignment planning;

(2) capacity calculations for receiving schools;
(3) notification to affected students;
(4) redrawing of attendance boundaries;
(5) enrollment projections;
(6) re-assignment of teachers and staff;
(7) re-assignment of students;
(8) repurposing of facility planning;
(9) information on moving of student records; and
(10) any additional documentation necessary to assist the secretary in making a decision for approval.

D. The secretary shall approve, conditionally approve, or deny a complete application.

E. The secretary may condition approval on the school or school district's compliance with specified requirements, conditions, timelines, reporting requirements, or corrective actions.

F. The department shall provide the school or school district with written notice of the secretary's decision.

[6.30.20.13 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.14 IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES:

A. A school or school district shall not implement a material organizational change until it has received written approval from the secretary.

B. A school or school district shall implement an approved organizational change in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the secretary.

C. A school or school district shall notify the department if circumstances materially change after approval and before implementation.

D. The secretary may modify, suspend, or withdraw an approval if:
(1) material information provided in the application was inaccurate or incomplete;
(2) circumstances materially affecting the proposed organizational change have changed;
(3) the school or school district fails to comply with a condition of approval;
(4) the school or school district fails to comply with applicable law or department rule; or
(5) the secretary determines that modification, suspension, or withdrawal is necessary to protect the educational interests of students or ensure compliance with law.

E. An approved organizational change shall not be implemented in a manner materially different from the change approved by the secretary without prior written approval from the department.

[6.30.20.14 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.15 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXCEPTIONS:

A. The secretary may waive or modify the timelines established in this rule when an exigent circumstance makes compliance with the normal timeline impracticable.

B. Exigent circumstances may include:
(1) an emergency closure of a school facility;
(2) a natural disaster or other emergency affecting the operation of a public school;
(3) an unforeseen circumstance creating an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or staff;
(4) an unexpected loss of a facility or other essential operational capacity;
(5) an unforeseen circumstance requiring an immediate change to preserve continuity of educational services; or
(6) another circumstance determined by the secretary to warrant an exception.

C. A school or school district requesting an exception pursuant to this section shall provide the department with a written explanation of the circumstances necessitating the exception and shall provide as much advance notice as reasonably practicable.

D. An exception to the timelines established in this rule does not waive any applicable requirements for notification, tribal consultation, public participation, or compliance with state or federal law unless expressly authorized by law.

[6.30.20.15 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.16 NONCOMPLIANCE AND DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITION:

A. A school or school district that implements a material organizational change requiring approval under this rule without prior written approval of the secretary shall not receive departmental recognition of that organizational change until approval is granted.

(1) A public school, educational program, grade configuration, attendance area, distance learning school or program, or other organizational change that has not been recognized by the department pursuant to this rule may be excluded in department reporting, accountability, or other official calculations to the extent permitted by law.

(2) A material organizational change that has not been recognized by the department shall not be included in state funding calculations to the extent permitted by law.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the department to withhold, reduce, or modify funding except as permitted by applicable law.

B. The department may require a school or school district to correct or amend state reports, enrollment records, organizational records, or other information submitted to the department when those records reflect an organizational change that has not received the required approval.

C. The department may require a school or school district that has implemented an unapproved material organizational change to take corrective action, including returning the organizational structure to the configuration previously recognized by the department.

D. Failure to obtain prior approval shall not relieve a school or school district of its obligation to comply with applicable state or federal law or other department requirements.

E. Departmental recognition of an organizational change shall not be construed as a waiver of any requirement imposed by state or federal law.

F. A school that implements a material organizational change requiring approval under this rule without prior written approval of the secretary may not receive relevant accreditation status approvals pursuant to 6.19.4 NMAC and Section 22-2-2 F NMSA 1978. Accreditation disapproval on this basis shall not be subject to appeal pursuant to 6.19.4.11 NMAC.

[6.30.20.16 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.17 DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS AND REPORTING:

A. The department will maintain records of material organizational changes submitted for approval pursuant to this rule.

B. A school or school district shall provide information reasonably requested by the department to verify the implementation and continued operation of an approved organizational change.

C. The department may establish reporting requirements for approved organizational changes when necessary to monitor compliance with the terms of approval, applicable law, or this rule.

[6.30.20.17 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.30.20.18 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY:

A. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit the authority of the secretary under any other provision of the Public School Code or department rule.

B. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit the authority of the secretary to take corrective action or enforce compliance with state or federal law.

C. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to supersede requirements applicable to charter schools, distance learning schools or programs, special education, transportation, school facilities, tribal consultation, school finance, or other matters governed by separate provisions of state or federal law or department rule.

D. Where another provision of law or department rule establishes a more specific approval, notification, consultation, or reporting requirement for a particular organizational change, the school or school district shall comply with the newly established requirements as well as the process outlined herein.

[6.30.20.18 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

6.29.20.19 SEVERABILITY: In the event that any one or more of the sections of this rule, in whole or in part, should be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining sections of this rule shall not in any way be affected or impaired.

[6.30.20.19 NMAC – N, 12/22/2026]

History of 6.30.20 NMAC: [RESERVED]