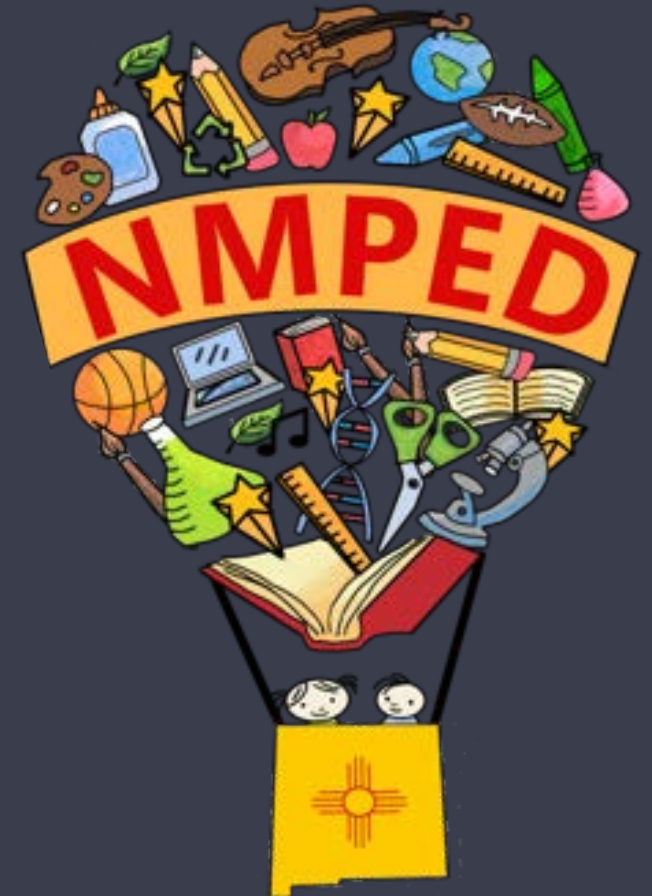


Educator Preparation Program Approval
LESC Meeting - Socorro
August 30, 2021

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Our Time Together

1. Current Process

- a) Site Visits
- b) Professional Practices and Standards Council

2. Next Steps and Recommendations

Ensure every child has well prepared, well supported, highly effective educators who use culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy to guide their learning and development.

Guidance

NMAC 6.65.3 Educator Preparation Program Accountability

- Provides guidance on initial and continuing approval of educator preparation programs
- Provides guidance for the annual Educator Accountability Report (EAR)

NMAC 6.2.8 Operational Bylaws of the Professional Practices and Standards Council

- 6.2.8.8 Recommendations for Approval of Educator Preparation Programs
 - A. recommending standards to govern the approval of preparatory programs; and
 - B. establishing procedures for assessing educator preparation programs in compliance with standards approved by the PED; these procedures shall include provisions for a comprehensive evaluation of course content, an on-site visitation, and recommending the approval or disapproval of programs designed to prepare professional education personnel.

Site Visits Conducted

- Virtual Site Visits
 - Western New Mexico University September 15-17, 2020
 - New Mexico Junior College October 27-28, 2020
 - University of the Southwest March 9-10, and May 5, 2021
 - Future: Northern New Mexico College Fall 2021
- Visit Teams Included
 - NMPED Staff
 - Administrators from local school districts
 - Educators from local school districts
 - Dean, Director, or staff from a preparation program
- Intention
 - Ensure alignment to current K-12 initiatives
 - Provide actionable feedback that celebrate performance and guide areas for growth
 - Build stronger relationships between NMPED, EPPs, and LEAs

Feedback

What worked

- Having a main point of contact at NMPED that was directing the work
- Having representatives from local schools and districts participate

Opportunities

- Strong leader who is responsible for all communication and manages the review team during the entire process
- Preparation of site review team
- Timeliness of the final report
- Communication to the LEAs
- Workload for Educator Preparation Program

Professional Practices and Standards Council

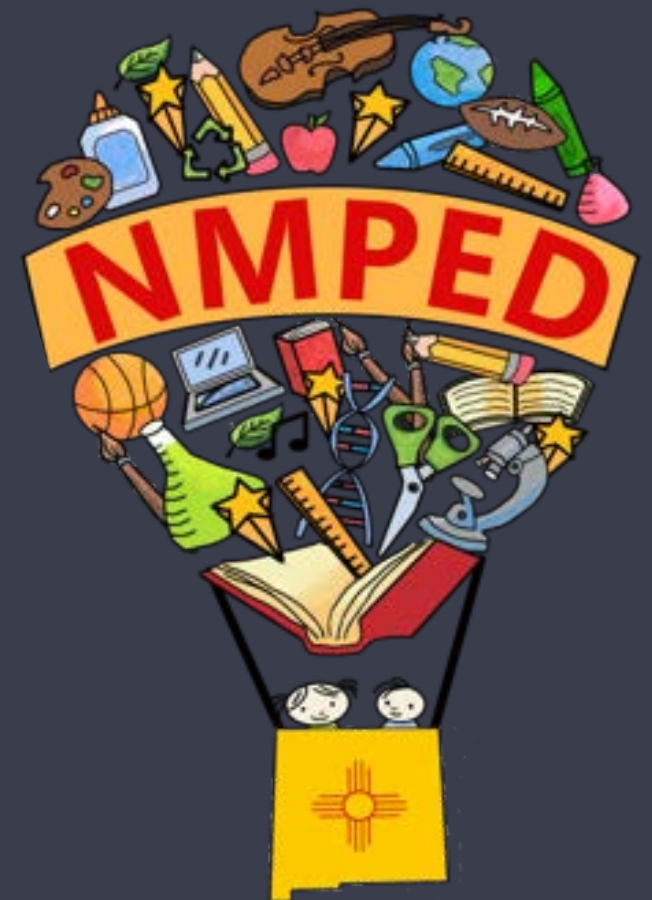
- Review and approve additions to existing programs
- Review and approve EPPs that are new to New Mexico
- Application review in process for new members, new members will be announced in September
- Existing membership will mentor new members to ease transition
- Membership includes licensed K-12 administrators and educators, members of EPPs

Next Steps and Recommendations

- Establish a dedicated team of employees at the PED responsible for this work
- Strengthen our partnership with the Higher Education Department and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- Align state process and national accreditation
- Improve data collection and reporting for Educator Accountability Report

Thank you!

Q&A



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