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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Legislative Education Study Committee

**FR:** David Harrell

**RE: STAFF REPORT: CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE**

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This staff report for the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) provides an update on two aspects of charter schools in New Mexico:

- the letters of intent submitted by people interested in opening a charter school; and
- recent rulings by the Secretary-designate of Public Education overturning decisions by the Public Education Commission (PEC) to deny requests for renewal by three charter schools.

The staff report concludes with a brief background section about the number of charter schools in New Mexico.

**Letters of Intent**

The *Charter Schools Act* requires the organizers of a proposed charter school to provide written notification to the PEC and the school district in which the charter is proposed to be located. Called the letter of intent, this notification is due at least 180 days prior to initial application; and the application deadline is July 1 for consideration for the following fiscal year.

As of that deadline, the Charter Schools Division (CSD) of the Public Education Department (PED) received 46 letters of intent to apply for a charter for school year 2012-2013. This number is an increase over the number of letters received in the recent past. The CSD reports receiving 43 such letters in 2010, 32 in 2009, 36 in 2008, and 25 in 2007.

Although the letters do not indicate whether the applicants intend to apply to their respective local school boards or to the PEC, they do reflect interest in obtaining a charter by people in school districts across the state. Twenty-three of the 46 letters came from parties whose schools would be within the boundaries of Albuquerque Public Schools. The other affected districts and the number of letters in each case are listed below:

- Española Public Schools – four;
- Las Cruces Public Schools – three;
- Santa Fe Public Schools – three;
- Deming Public Schools – two;
- Farmington Municipal Schools – two;
- Gallup-McKinley County Public Schools – two; and
- one each in Los Lunas Public Schools, Moriarty-Edgewood Schools, Peñasco Independent Schools, Questa Independent Schools, Rio Rancho Public Schools, Silver Consolidated Schools, and Taos Municipal Schools.

While there have been 46 letters of intent, there may not be 46 actual applications submitted by the deadline of July 1, 2011 as each year there have been fewer applications than letters of intent. And even if all 46 parties applied, the *Charter Schools Act* prohibits more than 15 new start-up charter schools being approved in a single year. Over a five-year period, however, there may be as many as 75 new charter schools, and any excess over 15 in one year may be carried over to succeeding years during that five-year period.

### **Charters Renewed on Appeal to the Secretary of Public Education**

In December 2010, the PEC heard requests for charter renewals from four charter schools that had been initially authorized by their respective local school boards:

- Red River Valley Charter School, initially authorized by Questa Independent Schools; and
- The Learning Community Charter School, La Resolana Leadership Academy, and Ralph J. Bunche Academy, all authorized by APS.

On the recommendation of the CSD, the PEC authorized the renewal of the charter of Red River Valley Charter School and rejected the renewal of the other three charter schools. All three

appealed to the Secretary-designate of Public Education, who reversed the PEC decision in each case.

A detailed analysis of the CSD's recommendations, the actions of the PEC, and the Secretary-designate's Decision and Order is beyond the scope of this staff report. Presented here, instead, is merely an overview of the major points and findings common to all three cases, together with a sample of the varying details – all of which leads to the suggestion of a topic that the committee may wish to examine.

### *Overview*

In all cases, the reasons that CSD cited for its recommendation to the PEC included failure to meet educational standards. According to the CSD Renewal Recommendation & Evaluation, with each of the three schools:

- the school's proficiency levels were "well below the proficiency levels of the district"; and
- the school was not keeping pace with the progress that the district schools were making "in closing the gap between the students' performance and the annual measurable objectives articulated for the grade levels served."

The CSD also noted a number of audit findings in each case; and in each case the PEC acted in accordance with the recommendations of the CSD.

Under the provisions of the *Charter Schools Act*, all three of those charter schools appealed the PEC decision to Secretary-designate of Public Education Hanna Skandera. In March 2011, the Secretary-designate held hearings in two of the cases – Ralph J. Bunche Academy (RJB) and The Learning Community Charter School (TLC); and in April 2011 she held a hearing in the third case, La Resolana Leadership Academy (La Resolana). While some of the details differ, as illustrated below, the major arguments were essentially the same in each case.

According to the Decision and Order in each case:

- the PEC said that the charter must be denied because the charter school:
  - failed to meet or make substantial progress toward achieving student performance standards identified in the charter application or the department's minimum educational standards, which seem to comprise not only adequate yearly progress (AYP) per the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB), but also the annual measurable objectives per NCLB, standards-based assessments, and a gap analysis that compares charter schools with traditional district schools; and
  - violated provisions of law from which the charter school was not specifically exempted; however

- each charter school countered that both the CSD and the PEC had:
  - ignored “substantial evidence” that supported the request for charter renewal; and
  - deprived the charter school of the right to due process and a meaningful opportunity to be heard.

In all three cases, after reviewing evidence and hearing the arguments on both sides, Secretary-designate Skandera concluded that the decision of the PEC to deny the charter renewal was “arbitrary or capricious, not supported by substantial evidence, and made contrary to law . . . .” Consequently, she reversed the decision of the PEC and immediately authorized each one as a state-chartered charter school, specifically granting RJB and La Resolana terms of three years and presumably granting TLC a term of five years.

Also in all cases, the Secretary-designate granted the renewals with conditions, the first of which was to address all compliance issues identified in CSD’s Renewal Recommendation & Evaluation, correct or update them as needed, and report to the CSD staff no later than the beginning of school year 2011-2012.

Each Decision and Order cites a number of reasons for the Secretary-designate’s decision, among them:

- the department’s minimum educational standards are not defined in either current law or current rule, nor are those standards necessarily equated to AYP;
- despite the PEC’s assertion that “part of the ‘charter school bargain’ is accountability to increase student performance in exchange for freedom and incentives to be creative,” there is no requirement in law that charter schools demonstrate a higher standard than traditional public schools, nor does law or rule “impose a basic charter school bargain that charter schools have greater autonomy in exchange for greater accountability”; and
- the charter school was denied due process in that the school was not afforded a meaningful opportunity to present its case to the PEC during the hearing in December.

In no case does the Decision and Order address the audit issues specifically although the presumption may be that they will be included under the first condition of approval, noted above.

One of the most significant points to appear in all three cases is the concept of “minimum educational standards,” which the *Charter Schools Act* requires all charter schools to meet and which, according to the PEC, none of these three schools have met.

- The concept became problematic because, as the Secretary-designate explains, the term is not defined in current law or rule; rather, it is a vestige of an earlier time, prior to the enactment of education reform legislation in 2003.

- In addition, in each of the three cases, the PEC seemed to rely too heavily upon making AYP as a factor in meeting these minimum educational standards.
- Also in each of the three cases, the Secretary-designate says:

Until and unless the Legislature clarifies the clearly obsolete language in Section 22-8B 12(G) permitting a charter school to be denied renewal if it “failed to meet or make substantial progress toward achievement of the department’s minimum educational standards . . . [.]” I decline to uphold an authorizer’s nonrenewal of a charter application solely or primarily on the basis that it did not meet AYP.

- The Secretary-designates also notes, in each case, that she does “not rule out addressing this issue in a rule after proper notice, public hearing and publication in the New Mexico Register.”

### ***Ralph J. Bunche Academy***

According to the Decision and Order in this case:

- One point that both the PEC and Ralph J. Bunche Academy (RJB) cited in defense of their respective positions was the inclination of the school’s current authorizer, APS, regarding the renewal of RJB:
  - according to RJB, APS did not revoke the school’s charter during its initial term and “had indicated that it would renew the charter for three years with conditions,” suggesting that there had been no “material violations” of the charter; however
  - according to the PEC, APS “did threaten” to revoke the charter. That the district did not do so “does not mean there was not a material violation of the charter.”
- Among her reasons for reversing the PEC decision in this case, Secretary-designate Skandera noted that:
  - even if the department’s minimum educational standards were defined and they were equated to AYP, the fact that RJB made AYP in school year 2009-2010 should have been a mitigating factor; and
  - the “arbitrary and capricious” manner in which the PEC acted is illustrated by the commission’s disregarding an observation by APS – that, while the school did not follow the original charter for the first three years of the term, it “seems to be trying to follow the original charter now” – and by the commission’s disregarding the district’s intention of renewing the charter for three years with conditions.

In its initial recommendation to the PEC, the CSD had also noted that the school had demonstrated a trend toward more audit findings over time, including 23 findings in school year 2008-2009 alone, 10 of which were repeat findings.

### *The Learning Community Charter School*

The Decision and Order in this case is perhaps the most emphatic example of the due process issue, which all three cases raised, citing such factors as a short timeframe for developing a response to the PEC's decision in late November and last-minute changes in the agenda of the hearing in December. According to the document:

- The PEC said that:
  - the commission “looks to make decisions based upon transparency and data driven results”; and
  - the process used was first published in April 2010, and it is clearly explained on the PED website.<sup>1</sup>
- On the other hand, TLC:
  - called the process a “sham,” with “zero discussion”; and
  - contended that, because almost all of the PEC's contentions of violations of law were “ridiculous,” the charter school declined to address them during the hearing.

In its initial recommendation to the PEC, the CSD had noted that there were several audit findings over a three-year period. Although none were identified as “significant” or “material,” there was no indication why procedures that the school had adopted had not resolved one repeat finding in school year 2007-2008 and three in school year 2008-2009.

### *La Resolana Leadership Academy*

According to the Decision and Order in this case:

- the Secretary-designate was “asked to take administrative notice of the recent decisions I issued in the appeals of TLC and Ralph Bunche because they were dispositive of [that is, they determined] the arbitrary and capricious standard [applied in this case]”;
- the Secretary-designate also observed that the finding of no material violations by the current authorizer, APS, was “casually brushed aside by the PEC when they wrote, ‘There is no provision in law regarding charter renewal that requires the Commission to rely on, or base its judgments on, the actions or opinions of the school’s current authorizer’”;
- La Resolana contended that, by focusing on every alleged instance of noncompliance without regard for severity, the PEC created the impression that “La Resolana was an

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<sup>1</sup> In the Decision and Order of the RJB case, the PEC said that the process was developed in collaboration with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers.

intentional habitual incorrigible law breaker [sic] with a pattern of thumbing its nose at the laws and regulations of the state”; and

- alluding to the Secretary-designate’s point in the two prior hearings that educational standards are not defined in current law or rule, the PEC said that it had relied on the Standards for Excellence developed under the former State Board of Education, which had led to current law; however, if PED “now determines that the statute is somehow out of date then the CSD will look to the determination that the Secretary has made.”

In its initial recommendation to the PEC, the CSD had noted that “a significant concern” was a lack of adequate internal control procedures in all years of La Resolana’s operation, including 17 total audit findings in school year 2008-2009 alone, 10 of them repeated findings.

### *Authorizing State-chartered Charter Schools*

Regardless of the personnel involved or the appropriateness of their actions, the three cases discussed above suggest conflicting roles and responsibilities in the process for authorizing state-chartered charter schools.

- Although the chartering authority is the PEC and although the number of applications and requests for renewal has increased over time, the commission does not have a staff of its own. Rather, it must rely on the staff of the PED.
- Despite its authority over charter schools, the PEC does not have rulemaking authority.
- In determining whether to accept or reject a charter application or request for renewal, the PEC considers the recommendation of the CSD, which is based upon the CSD’s interpretation of statutory provisions and examination of relevant data.
- If the PEC rules against a charter applicant, that applicant may appeal to the Secretary of Public Education, the cabinet secretary in charge of PED.
- This appeal route places the Secretary between two opposing parties: on one side, the charter applicant; and on the other, an elected statewide body that, among other duties, advises the Secretary on education policy and that considers in its deliberations the recommendations of a division within the department that the Secretary oversees.
  - In the three cases cited above, the Secretary-designate ruled against the PEC and, arguably, against her own CSD as well.
  - A different dimension to this complex relationship emerged in a similar case in 2007.
    - At that time, the CSD had recommended that the PEC approve the application of Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School; however, the commission acted contrary to the CSD recommendation and denied the application.

- Cottonwood Classical then appealed to Secretary of Public Education Veronica García, who reversed the PEC’s decision.
- In the appeal hearing, the staff of the CSD found themselves in the position of representing the PEC for an action taken against the staff recommendation.

It is possible that some of these issues may be resolved once the provisions of legislation enacted in 2011 are implemented. That bill (SB 446, *Charter School Contracts*, or Laws 2011, Chapter 14) provides for charter school contracts, which, among other features, are intended to:

- prescribe the criteria, processes, and procedures that the chartering authority will use for its ongoing oversight of operational, financial, and academic performance of the charter school; and
- clarify the criteria, procedures, and timelines that the parties have agreed upon to address charter revocation and deficiencies found in the required annual status report.

Beyond that possible remedy, however, the committee may wish to review the current process of state-level authorizing and consider some alternatives. Among the alternatives are whether to:

- retain the present system of two chartering authorities but without an appeal process;
- amend the present system by:
  - granting rulemaking authority to the PEC and providing a dedicated staff; or
  - creating or designating a different or additional state-level chartering authority, with or without an appeal process; or
- allow only local school boards to authorize charter schools, with or without an appeal process.

## **Background**

In school year 2010-2011, 81 charter schools are operating in 21 districts throughout New Mexico (see the Attachment). Of those 81 schools, 33 have either been chartered initially or had their charters renewed by the PEC; the rest have been chartered or renewed by their respective local school boards.<sup>2</sup> Forty-eight of the 81 charter schools are located within APS.

As the Attachment also illustrates, another three state-chartered charter schools have been approved to open in school year 2011-2012: two in APS and one in Las Cruces Public Schools.

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<sup>2</sup> When the four schools discussed in this report are added, the number of state-chartered charter schools increases to 37.

## NEW MEXICO CHARTER SCHOOLS 2010-2011

**ALBUQUERQUE**

Charter School / Former School	Administrator	Address	School Phone	School Fax	Adm. E-Mail	Current Grades	Students	Teachers	School Website	CSD Contact
Academia de Lengua Y Cultura	Linda Corona	1900 Randolph SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106	(505) 563-4242	(505) 563-4260	lcorona@adlyc.org	6th - 8th	83	6	laspanteras.org	Michael C de Baca
Academy of Trades and Technology (Formerly Youth Build Trade & Tech High) (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Wayne Gordon	2551 Karsten Court SE Suite C Albuquerque, NM 87102	(505) 765-5517	(505) 765-5898	wgordon@atths.com	9th - 12th	157	14	www.atths.com	Dr. Bob Olix
ACE Leadership High School (State Charter)	Tony Monfiletto	800-B 20th Street NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	(505) 242-4733	(505) 242-2220	tmonfo@gmail.com	9th - 12th	105	8	www.aceleadership.org	Marjorie Gillespie
Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science (Formerly High Tech High) (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Kathy Sandoval-Snider	933 Bradbury, SE Albuquerque, NM 87106	(505) 559-4249	(505) 243-9235	ksandoval@aims-unm.org	6th - 12th	272	16	www.aims-unm.org	Dr. Bob Olix
Albuquerque School of Excellence (State Charter)	Ahmet Cetinkaya	13201 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112	(505) 312-7711	(505) 312-7712	a.cet@abqse.org	K - 9th	214	13	www.abqse.org	Dr. Bob Olix
Alice King Community School (Formerly North Albuquerque Co-op Community)	Rochelle Cherrin	1905 Mountain Rd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	(505) 344-0746	(505) 344-0789	rochelle.cherrin@gmail.com	K - 5th	251	15	alicekingcommunityschool.org	Michael C de Baca
Amy Biehl Charter High School (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Mike May	123 4th Street SW Albuquerque, NM 87102	(505) 299-9409	(505) 299-9493	mmay@amybiehlhighschool.org	9th - 12th	278	21	www.amybiehlhighschool.org	Marjorie Gillespie
Bataan Military Academy	Jean Podborny	8001 Mountain Rd. Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87110	(505) 292-5588	(505) 232-3230	jpodborny@bataanmilitaryacademy.org	9th - 12th	130	14	www.bataanmilitaryacademy.org	Michael C de Baca
Career Academic Technical Academy	Glee Hare	6805 Academy Parkway West NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	(505) 345-1514	(505) 962-2920	ghare@cataprep.org	9th - 12th	141	8	cata-highschool.org	Michael C de Baca
Cesar Chavez Community School (State Charter Effective 7/1/09)	Caryl Thomas	1325 Palomas SE, Albuquerque 87108	(505) 877-0558	(505) 242-1466	cthomas@cesarchavezcharter.net	9th - 12th	183	10	www.cesarchavezcharter.net	Karen Ehlert
Christine Duncan's Heritage Academy (Formerly Christine Duncan Community Charter School)	Jesús Moncada	P.O. Box 25487 Albuquerque, NM 87125	(505) 839-4971	(505) 831-9027	jmoncada@christineduncan.org	K - 8th	121	10	www.christineduncan.org	Michael C de Baca
Cien Aguas International School (State Charter)	Michael Rodriguez	3501 Campus Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106	(505) 255-0001	(505) 255-0400	mrodriguez@cienaguas.org	K - 7th	165	8	www.cienaguas.org	Corina Chavez
Corrales International School	Dr. Elsy Fierro-Diaz	3821 Singer Blvd., NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	(505) 344-9733	(505) 338-1409	diaz@corralesinternationalschool.org	K - 8th	177	9	www.corralesinternationalschool.org	Michael C de Baca
Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School (State Charter)	Caitlin Robinson	1776 Montano NW Building 3 Los Ranchos De Albuquerque, NM 87107	(505) 998-1021	(505) 341-9510	caitlin.robinson@cottonwoodclassical.org	6th - 12th	357	37	www.cottonwoodclassical.org	Dr. Bob Olix
Creative Education Prep Institute #1 (State Charter Effective 7/1/09)	Tom Crespin	4801 Montano NW Albuquerque, NM 87120	(505) 314-2374 Ext: 1	(505) 314-2377	tjrespin@cepinm.org	9th - 12th	175	10	www.cepinm.org	Dr. Bob Olix
Digital Arts and Technology Academy (Formerly Charter Vocational High School)	Lisa Myhre	1011 Lambert Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87107	(505) 341-0888	(505) 341-0749	lisa.myhre@datacharter.org	9th - 12th	281	20	www.datacharter.org	Michael C de Baca
East Mountain High School (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Doug Wine	P.O. Box 340 Sandia Park, NM 87047	(505) 281-7400 Ext: 112	(505) 281-4173	dwine@eastmountainhigh.net	9th - 12th	359	29	www.eastmountainhigh.net	Dr. Bob Olix
El Camino Real Charter (Formerly Horizon Academy South)	Eugene Johnson (Interim Principal)	3713 Isleta Blvd., SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	(505) 314-2212	(505) 314-2216	gene.johnson.ecra@aggle.net	K - 12th	488	28	www.elcaminoacademy.com	Michael C de Baca
Gilbert L. Sena Charter High School (State Charter Effective 7/1/09) (Formerly Creative Education Prep Institute #2)	Nancy Romero	69 Hotel Circle, NE Albuquerque, NM 87123	(505) 237-2374	(505) 237-2380	nromero@senahigh.com	9th - 12th	176	10	www.senahigh.com	Marjorie Gillespie
Gordon Bernell Charter School (Formerly Metropolitan Detention Center Charter School)	Greta Roskom	401 Roma NW, 3rd Floor Albuquerque, NM 87102	(505) 468-7701	(505) 468-7711	greta@gordonbernell.org	9th - 12th	311	15	www.gordonbernell.org	Michael C de Baca

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Horizon Academy West (State Charter Effective 7/1/08)	Cynthia Carter	1900 Atrisco Road, NW Albuquerque, NM 87120	(505) 998-0459	(505) 998-0463	ccarter@hawest.net	K - 6th	412	24	www.hawest.net	Marjorie Gillespie
La Academia de Esperanza	Steve Wood	1401 Old Coors Rd. SW Albuquerque, NM 87121	(505) 764-5500	(505) 764-5501	swood@esperanza-pride.org	6th - 12th	294	23	www.orgsites.com/nm/lade	Michael C de Baca
La Promesa Early Learning Center (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Dr. Analee Maestas	5201 Central Ave. NW Albuquerque, NM 87105	(505) 268-3274	(505) 268-3276	amaestas1@hotmail.com	K - 6th	190	13	www.lapromesaarterschool.com	Karen Ehlert
La Resolana Leadership Academy (State Charter Effective 7/1/11)	Justina Montoya	1718 Yale Blvd. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106	(505) 243-8114	(505) 243-8385	j_montoya1129@yahoo.com	6th - 8th	64	6	www.laresolanaacademy.com	Michael C de Baca
Los Puentes Charter School	Ellen Moore	4012 4th St NW Albuquerque, NM 87107	(505) 342-5959	(505) 341-0836	emoore@lospuentes.k12.nm.us	7th - 12th	182	10	www.lospuentes.org	Michael C de Baca
Media Arts Collaborative Charter School (State Charter)	Glenna Voigt	4401 Central Ave. NE Bldg #2 Albuquerque, NM 87108	(505) 243-1957	(505) 268-1651	gvoigt@nmmediaarts.org	9th - 12th	175	19	www.nmmediaarts.org	Corina Chavez
Montessori of the Rio Grande	Bonnie Dodge	1650 Gabaldon Drive, NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	(505) 842-5993	(505) 242-2907	msbonnie@mrgcharter.org	Pre-K - 6th	192	11	www.mrgcharter.org	Michael C de Baca
Mountain Mahogany Community School	Deneen Bair	5014 4TH St. NW Albuquerque, NM 87107	(505) 341-1424	(505) 341-1428	bair_d@comcast.net	K - 6th	147	8	www.mountainmahogany.org	Michael C de Baca
Native American Community Academy	Kara Bobroff	1100 Cardenas Ave., SE Albuquerque, NM 87108	(505) 266-0992	(505) 266-2905	kbobroff@nacaschool.org	6th - 11th	391	26	www.nacaschool.org	Michael C de Baca
New Mexico International School (State Charter) Opening Fall 2011	Dr. Carlos Pagán	4261 Balloon Park Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109	NA	NA	carlospagan@nminternationalschool.org	K - 2nd	120 anticipate d first year	NA	nminternationalschool.org	Karen Ehlert
North Valley Academy (State Charter Effective 7/1/08) (Formerly Horizon Northwest)	Jerald Snider	7939 4th Street, NW Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87114	(505) 998-0501	(505) 998-0505	jsnider@nvanm.org	K - 8th	484	28	www.nvanm.org	Karen Ehlert
Nuestros Valores Charter School	Monica Aguilar	1021 Isleta Blvd., SW Albuquerque, NM 87120	(505) 873-7758	(505) 873-3567	monica@nvcharter.com	9th - 12th	133	9	www.nvcharter.com	Michael C de Baca
Public Academy for Performing Arts	Doreen Winn	3000 Adams St. NE Albuquerque, NM 87110	(505) 830-3128	(505) 830-9930	dwinn@paparts.org	6th - 12th	339	35	www.paparts.org	Michael C de Baca
Ralph J. Bunche Academy (State Charter Effective 7/1/11)	Dr. Penne Wilson	230 Truman NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108	(505) 292-0100	(505) 292-0109	pennelynn@comcast.net	K - 6th	89	6	www.rjba.org	Michael C de Baca
Robert F. Kennedy Charter School	Robert Baade	4300 Blake Road SW Albuquerque, NM 87121	(505) 243-1118	(505) 242-7444	rbaade@rfkcharter.net	9th - 12th	270	22	www.robertfkennedyarterschool.org	Michael C de Baca
S.I.A. Tech (School for Integrated Academics & Technologies)	Kelly Callahan	C/O Albuquerque Job Corps, 1500 Indian School Rd, NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	(505) 242-6640	(505) 242-6872	Kelly.Callahan@siatech.org	9th - 12th	301	11	www.siatechabq.org	Michael C de Baca
South Valley Academy	Katarina Sandoval	3426 Blake Rd., SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	(505) 452-3132	(505) 452-3133	klsandoval@southvalleyacademy.org	9th - 12th	229	20	www.southvalleyacademy.org	Michael C de Baca
South Valley Preparatory School (State Charter)	Charlotte Alderete-Trujillo	2813 Gun Club Rd SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	(505) 222-5642	(505) 222-5647	alderete_c@yahoo.com	6th - 8th	88	5	http://www.southvalleyprep.org/	Corina Chavez
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Southwest Primary Learning Center (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	D. Scott Glasrud, PhD	10301 Candelaria, NE Albuquerque, NM 87112	(505) 296-7677	(505) 296-0510	sglasrud@sslc-nm.com	4th - 6th	105	5	www.sslc-nm.com	Karen Ehlert
Southwest Secondary Learning Center (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	D. Scott Glasrud, PhD	10301 Candelaria, NE Albuquerque, NM 87112	(505) 296-7677	(505) 296-0510	sglasrud@sslc-nm.com	7th - 12th	176	7	www.sslc-nm.com	Marjorie Gillespie
The Albuquerque Sign Language Academy (State Charter)	Jennifer Thompson	620 Lomas Blvd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87102	(505) 247-1701	(505) 247-1704	jennibt@comcast.net	K - 5th	46	5	www.ASLacademy.com	Corina Chavez
The Albuquerque Talent Development Secondary Charter School	Rommie Compher	1800 Atrisco Road, NW Albuquerque, NM 87120	(505) 503-2465	(505) 831-7031	rcompher@atdscs.org	9th - 12th	151	8	www.atdscs.org	Michael C de Baca
The GREAT Academy (State Charter) Opening Fall 2011	Jasper Matthews	8201 Golf Course Rd NW STE # 216 Albuquerque, NM 87120	(505) 228-5647		thegreatacademy@aol.com	10th - 11th	120 anticipate d first year	NA	www.thegreatacademy.org	Dr. Bob Olix

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The International School at Mesa del Sol (State Charter)	Sean Joyce, Ph.D.	2660 Eastman Crossing, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106	(505) 508-3295	(505) 508-3395	sjoyce@tisnm.org	K - 5th	116	8	www.tisnm.org	Corina Chavez
The Learning Community Charter School (State Charter Effective 7/1/11)	Viola Martinez	5555 McLeod NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	(505) 332-3200	(505) 332-8780	vmartinez@tlcnm.net	6th - 12th	215	12	N/A	Michael C de Baca
The Montessori Elementary School (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Mary Jane Besante	3831 Midway Place, NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	(505) 796-0149	(505) 796-0147	mbesante@tmesnm.com	K - 7th	340	18	www.tmesnm.com	Karen Ehlert
The New America School (State Charter)	Dr. Janelle T. Garcia, Ph.D.	1734 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105	(505) 222-4360	(505) 873-2602	kgarcia@newamericaschoolnm.org	9th - 12th	329	15	www.newamericaschoolnm.org	Dr. Bob Olix
Tierra Adentro (State Charter)	Veronica Torres	1511 Central Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106	(505) 967-4720	(505) 967-4721	veronicalynntorres@gmail.com	6th - 10th	153	16	www.tierraadentronm.org	Corina Chavez
Twenty-First Century Public Academy	Donna Eldredge	3100 Menaul, Blvd., NE Albuquerque, NM 87107	(505) 254-0280	(505) 254-8507	a21stcenturypa@qwestoffice.net	5th - 8th	235	23	www.21stcenturypa.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>AZTEC</b>										
Mosaic Academy Charter	Bonnie Braden	450 Llano St. Aztec, NM 87410	(505) 334-6364	(505) 334-6364	bradenb@mosaic.k12.nm.us	K - 8th	180	13	www.mosaicacademy.net	Michael C de Baca
<b>BERNALILLO</b>										
Village Academy (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Arrow Wilkinson	P.O. Box 279 Bernalillo, NM 87004	(505) 867-9094	(505) 867-0594	awilkinson@vacsnm.com	6th - 8th	37	4	vacsnm.net	Corina Chavez
<b>CARLSBAD</b>										
Jefferson Montessori Academy	Cindy Holguin	500 W. Church St. Carlsbad, NM 88220	(755) 234-1703	(755) 887-9391	cholguin@jmacarlsbad.com	K - 12th	164	11	www.jmacarlsbad.com	Michael C de Baca
<b>CIMARRON</b>										
Moreno Valley High School	Jacque Boyd	P.O. Box 1037 Angel Fire, NM 87710-1037	(575) 377-3100	(575) 377-7263	jacqueboyd@yahoo.com	9th - 12th	82	14	www.mvhsnm.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>DEMING</b>										
Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High	Arlene Trujillo	315 East First Street Deming, NM 88030	(575) 544-8404	(575) 544-8755	atrujillo@dccchs.org	9th - 12th	148	10	www.dccchs.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>ESPAÑOLA</b>										
Cariños de los Niños Charter School	Vernon Jaramillo	P.O. Box 130 Espanola, NM 87532	(505) 753-1128	(505) 753-1130	vernon_jaramillo@hotmail.com	K - 6th	197	13	www.carinoscharter-school.com	Michael C de Baca
<b>GADSDEN</b>										
Anthony Charter School	Colleen Kelley Adolph	P.O. Box 355, Anthony, NM 88021	(575) 882-0600	(575) 882-0603	cka2003@msn.com	7th - 12th	68	5	www.anthonycharterschool.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>GALLUP</b>										
Middle College High School	Wally Feldman	C/O UNM-Gallup, 200 College Road #9 Gallup, NM 87301	(505) 722-9945	(505) 722-9946	wfeldman@gallup.unm.edu	10th - 12th	62	5	www.unm.edu	Michael C de Baca
<b>JEMEZ MOUNTAIN</b>										
Lindrieth Area Heritage Charter School	Rebecca Gibson	P.O. Box 119 Lindrieth, NM 87029	(575) 774-6669	(575) 774-6669	gibr_1999@yahoo.com	K - 8th	17	2	www.lindriethmustangs.com	Michael C de Baca
<b>JEMEZ VALLEY</b>										
San Diego Riverside Charter School	Arlene Loretto	P.O. Box 99 Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024	(575) 834-7419	(575) 834-9167	lorettoarlene@yahoo.com	K - 8th	103	10	sandiegoriverside.org	Michael C de Baca
Walatowa Charter High School	Tony Archuleta	P.O. Box 669 Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024	(575) 834-0443	(575) 834-0449	tarchuleta@walatowahcs.org	9th - 12th	67	8	walatowa.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>LAS CRUCES</b>										
Alma d'Arte Charter High (State Charter Effective 7/1/09)	Mark Hartshorne	402 West Court Las Cruces, NM 88005	(575) 541-0145	(575) 541-0146	mhartshorne@almadarte.org	9th - 12th	176	11	www.almadarte.org	Marjorie Gillespie
J. Paul Taylor Academy (State Charter) Opening Fall 2011	Cynthia Risner-Schiller	P. O. Box 1612, Las Cruces NM 88004	NA	NA	cynthia.risner@gmail.com	K - 6th	140 anticipated first year	NA	0	Marjorie Gillespie
La Academia Dolores Huerta (Formerly La Academia de Idiomas y Cultura)	Gilbert Gutierrez	1480 North Main Las Cruces, NM 88001	(575) 526-2984	(575) 523-5407	ggutierrez@academianm.org	6th - 8th	120	9	www.academianm.org	Michael C de Baca
Las Montañas Charter School	Richard Robinson	201 E. Lohman Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001	(575) 636-2100	(575) 527-7686	richard.robinson@lasmontanashigh.com	9th - 12th	301	27	www.lasmontanashigh.com	Michael C de Baca
<b>LOS LUNAS</b>										

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School of Dreams Academy (State Charter)	Mike Ogas	1800 Main St. NE Suite 250, Los Lunas NM 87031	(505) 866-7632	(505) 866-0780	mogas@sodacharter.com	7th - 10th	181	8	www.schoolofdreamsacademy.com	Marjorie Gillespie
<b>QUESTA</b>										
Red River Valley Charter (State Charter Effective 7/1/11)	Karen Phillips	P.O. Box 742 Red River, NM 87558	(575) 754-6117	(575) 754-3258	redrivervalleycs@hotmail.com	PreK - 8th	59	6	N/A	Corina Chavez
Roots & Wings Community School	Tobie Baker Navarre	HC 81, Box 22 Questa, NM 87556-9712	(575) 586-2076	(575) 586-2087	rootsandwings.nm@gmail.com	5th - 8th	35	4	www.rwcs.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>RIO RANCHO</b>										
The ASK Academy (State Charter)	Kirk Hartom	1380 Rio Rancho Blvd. #361 Rio Rancho, NM 87124	(505) 891-0757	(505) 891-2115	khartom@theaskacademy.org	9th - 10th	116	9	www.theaskacademy.org	Marjorie Gillespie
<b>ROSWELL</b>										
Sidney Gutierrez Middle School	Joe Andreis	P.O. Box 1437 Roswell, NM 88202	(575) 347-9703	(575) 347-9707	jandreis@sgms.us	6th - 8th	60	7	www.sgms.us	Michael C de Baca
<b>SANTA FE</b>										
Academy for Technology and the Classics	Edward Woodd	74 A Van Nu Po Road Santa Fe, NM 87508	(505) 473-4282	(866) 362-8106	edwardwoodd@atcschool.org	7th - 12th	364	28	www.atcschool.org	Michael C de Baca
Monte del Sol Charter School	Angela Ritchie	P.O. Box 4068 Santa Fe, NM 87502	(505) 982-5225	(505) 982-5321	aritchie@montedelsol.org	7th - 12th	364	29	www.montedelsol.org	Michael C de Baca
New Mexico School for the Arts (State Charter)	Cindy Montoya	275 E. Alameda Santa Fe, NM 87501	(505) 310-4194	(505) 629-4108	cmontoya@nmschoolforthearts.org	9th - 11th	135	7	www.NMSchoolForTheArts.org	Karen Ehlert
The MASTERS Program (State Charter)	Anne Salzmann	SFCC LL320 6401 Richards Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87508	(505) 428-7320	(505) 428-7322	asalzmanna@tmsantafe.org	10th - 12th	127	6	www.tmsantafe.org	Marjorie Gillespie
Tierra Encantada Charter High School (Formerly Known as Charter School 37)	Daniel Benavidez	1501 Cerrillos Rd, Bldg 2 Santa Fe, NM 87505	(505) 983-3337	(505) 983-6637	dbenavidez@techs37.com	9th - 12th	134	9	0	Michael C de Baca
Turquoise Trail Charter School (Formerly Known as Turquoise Trail Elementary)	Sandra B. Davis	13-A San Marcos Loop Santa Fe, NM 87508	(505) 467-1700	(505) 474-7862	sdavis@sfps.info	PreK - 6th	465	35	www.turquoisetrailcharterschool.info	Michael C de Baca
<b>SILVER CITY</b>										
Aldo Leopold Charter School (State Charter Effective 7/1/10)	Eric Ahner	P.O. Box 770 Silver City, NM 88062	(575) 538-2547	(575) 388-4970	eahner@aldohs.org	9th - 12th	100	10	www.aldoleopoldhs.org	Corina Chavez
<b>SOCCORO</b>										
Cottonwood Valley Charter School	Karin Williams	P.O. Box 1829 Socorro, NM 87801	(575) 838-2026	(575) 838-2420	karinwms@gmail.com	K - 8th	170	15	www.cottonwoodvalley.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>TAOS</b>										
Anansi Charter School	Michelle Hunt	P.O. Box 1709 El Prado, NM 87529	(575) 776-2256	(575) 776-5561	mhunt@acstaos.org	K - 5th	110	9	www.acstaos.org	Michael C de Baca
Taos Academy (State Charter)	Traci Filiss	125 La Posta Road Taos, NM 87571	(575) 751-3109	(575) 751-3394	tfiliss@taosacademy.org	5th - 12th	127	8	www.taosacademyonline.org	Karen Ehlert
Taos Integrated School of the Arts (State Charter)	Sandy Beery	P.O. Box 668 Taos, NM 87571	(575) 758-7755	(575) 758-7766	sandy@tisataos.com	K - 5th	89	5	www.tisataos.com	Karen Ehlert
Taos Municipal Charter School	Dr. Deidre McAdam	P.O. Box 3009 Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557	(575) 751-7222	(575) 751-7546	dmcadam@taoschartererschool.org	K - 8th	202	13	www.taoschartererschool.org	Michael C de Baca
Vista Grande High School	Cynthia J. Grace	111 Paseo Del Canon West Taos, NM 87571	(575) 758-5100 Ext: 102	(575) 758-5102	cjgrace@vghs.org	9th - 12th	110	10	www.vghs.org	Michael C de Baca
<b>WEST LAS VEGAS</b>										
Rio Gallinas School	Cindy McLeod	301 Socorro St. Las Vegas, NM 87701	(505) 454-8687	(505) 454-8688	storyranch@hotmail.com	1st - 8th	108	10	www.riogallinaschool.org	Michael C de Baca