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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Public Hearing Scheduled for New Pre-apprenticeship Rule

SANTA FE – The Public Education Department will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501-2786 on a Public Education Department proposed new rule, 6.33.3 NMAC for Pre-apprenticeship.

New Mexico high school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to participate in a pre-apprenticeship training program when Senate Bill 46 was signed by Governor Bill Richardson on April 8, 2009. The bill created an opportunity for students statewide to begin trades education in the classroom before graduating. Apprenticeships provide an academic and employment pathway leading to jobs in New Mexico with good wages and industry credentials. The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input on the following new rule.

Rule Number	Rule Name	Proposed Action
6.33.3 NMAC	Pre-apprenticeship	New Rule to develop implementation for the Pre-apprenticeship program.

Interested individuals may testify at the public hearing or submit written comments to Louise Williams, New Mexico Public Education Department 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 or ([louise.williams@state.nm.us](mailto:louise.williams@state.nm.us)) or (telefax (505) 827-1820).

Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2010, however, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed on the Department's website (<http://ped.state.nm.us>) or obtained from Louise Williams at the address listed above, or by phone (505) 827-3565. The proposed rule will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

Following the hearing, Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica C. García, will review comments from the public and make a decision on the rule. The rule will be formally filed with the State Records and Archives Center and become effective on the date stated in the rule.

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 Louise Williams as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

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