



EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS

BOARD REPORT

Month: September 2019

Pillar I. Student Achievement

Our year is starting out really well. We have three NM PreK classrooms at Enos and two NM PreK classrooms at Ranchos this year! This gave us the ability to provide more room for more students. NM PreK has a new curriculum to implement this year, and we are working with a coach from UNM to help move our PreK classrooms to a 5-star rating!

Pillar II. Educator Excellence

We are again participating in the New Mexico PED Autism Project and have a coach who is providing support to our teachers in the general education and special education setting to assure a positive educational experience for our students.

Many of our teachers and other staff will be attending professional development opportunities provided by CES over the next couple of months.

We have a new Financial Specialist in EXPRO – Danette Rael and a new IEP Coordinator – Caroline Grant.

Pillar III. Communications/PR

Alyssa Martinez and Julie Gray continue to facilitate free workshops to parents, teachers, etc who would like to learn more about Autism. These workshops are free to anyone who would like to attend. They are a live-stream presentation from the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Watch for future dates on the Taos Municipal Schools Exceptional Programs Webpage.

The Child Find dates for the next year are set and will also be on the EXPRO webpage. The first Child Find event will be September 5th at the Administrative Office.

Pillar IV. Safety & Wellness

The Taos School Wellness Committee met this summer and continues to brainstorm on new ideas to help the youth in Taos experience success.

Taos continues to participate with the New Mexico Healthy School Project. Our team will meet soon

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