



## MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004 at 11 a.m.

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### **BUSH EDUCATION OFFICIAL TO CELEBRATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS AT DESERT VIEW ELEMENTARY IN SUNLAND PARK, N.M.**

The U.S. Department of Education's Gene Hickok will visit Desert View Elementary in Sunland Park, N.M., on Tuesday to recognize the academic improvements that students have made under *No Child Left Behind*.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* is the bipartisan landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility, giving parents more options and teaching students based on what works. Under the act's strong accountability provisions, states must describe how they will close the achievement gap and make sure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency.

**WHO:** Deputy Secretary Gene Hickok

**WHAT:** School visit to recognize students' academic achievements under *No Child Left Behind*

**WHERE:** Desert View Elementary  
425 Valle Vista  
Sunland Park, N.M.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 11 a.m.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAMS UNIT  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501



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CORRINE LOVATO  
Director, Student Nutrition Programs Unit

August 16, 2004

Mr. Demetrious P. Giovas  
Food Service Director  
Gadsden Independent Schools  
Drawer 70  
Anthony, New Mexico 88021

Dear Mr. Giovas:

A heartfelt thank you, on behalf of the Student Nutrition Programs Unit staff. Your assistance in conducting several classes at the Back-to-School Administrative Workshops was greatly appreciated and very informative. It was wonderful to have you share your expertise with our School Food Authority personnel; the comments received were very positive. They want to see you back again!

Again, thank you for your support and expertise, in our joined endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Corrine Lovato, Director  
Student Nutrition Programs Unit

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File: GadsdenIndepSchsWorkshopThankYou

*"Good Nutrition...the Core of a Good Education!"*

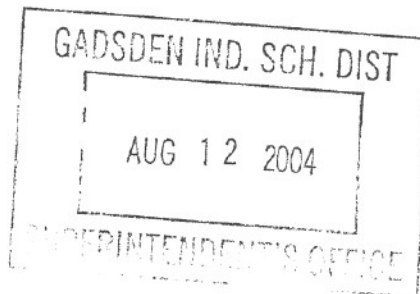


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June 23, 2004

Superintendent Ronald Haugen  
Gadsden Independent School

Dear Mr. Haugen:

I strongly commend you for the Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Memorandum you drafted. It clearly outlines the law as well as the proper procedures for investigating these cases. I greatly appreciate you including me in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Martinez".

Susana Martinez  
District Attorney

# Wanted

**Input from ... Local School Board Members**

**School Districts**

**School Employees**

**Home Schooling Associations**

**Parent-Teacher Associations**

**Educational Organizations**

**Colleges, Universities & Vocational Schools**

**State Agencies (Responsible for Educating Resident Children)**

**Juvenile Justice Agencies**

**Work Force Development Providers**

**Business Organizations**

**Public**

**WHEN!**

Friday  
September 17, 2004  
1:00 P.M.

To be used (in cooperation with the Public Education Department), to develop the five-year strategic plan for public elementary and secondary education in the state. Input is also being solicited on policy, governance, and legislative issues.

**WHERE!**

Board Room  
Las Cruces P.S. Admin. Office  
505 S. Main  
Las Cruces, NM

To fulfill the duties of the Public Education Commission (PEC), as set forth by the 2004 Legislature.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION**

QUESTIONS ??? Contact Mary Jo Bradley at [mbradley@ped.state.nm.us](mailto:mbradley@ped.state.nm.us), or (505) 827-6571.

# PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION DIST

September 17, 2004 (9:00 A.M.)

Board Room

Las Cruces Public School Administrative Office

505 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

**Officers:**

John A. Darden, Chairperson  
Catherine M. Smith, Vice-Chair  
Millie Pogna, Secretary

**Members:**

Scott B. Barthel  
Alfred J. Herrera  
John R. Lankford  
Eleanor B. Ortiz  
Flora M. Sánchez  
Johnny R. Thompson  
Christine V. Trujillo

## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER Mr. John A. Darden, Chair
2. ROLL CALL Ms. Millie Pogna, Secretary
3. INVOCATION
4. PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Oñate High ROTC  
(Joyce Aranda, Principal)
5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Students from Loma  
Heights Elementary School  
(Rudy Leos, Principal)
  - a. Pledge - U.S.A. Flag
  - b. Salute - N.M. Flag
6. WELCOME: Superintendent Mr. Louis D. Martinez  
Las Cruces School Board Pres. Mr. Gene H. Gant  
NMSU Dean of College Of Ed. Dr. Robert D. Moulton
- 7.\* APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 8.\* APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 9, 2004)
9. RECOGNITIONS:
  - a. N.M. History Teacher of the Year - Jim Smith
  - b. Mr. Vince Rivera, Principal - Desert Hills Elementary School

10\* **SECRETARY OF EDUCATION** **Dr. Veronica C. García**  
**REPORT**

- a. Update on Voluntary 4-Year-Old Preschool Program
- b. PED Definition of Proficiency in New Mexico
- c. Student Achievement Results:
  - (1) ACT
  - (2) Grade 11 Criterion-Referenced Test Results
  - (3) Grades 4 and 8 Standards-Based Assessment
- d. NCLB Designations
- e. Major Legislative Initiatives
- f. Preliminary Public School Support Request

11.\* **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION INPUT**  
◇ 6.30.2 NMAC - Standards for Excellence, *Section 10, Procedural Requirements* (11<sup>th</sup> Grade CRT to be on Transcripts)

- 12.\* **COMMENTS - PEC CHAIR** **Mr. John A. Darden**
- a. Five-Year Strategic Plan PEC Committee Report
  - b. Commission Appointments
  - c. PEC Administrative Budget
    - Membership in Peer Organization

13. **OPEN FORUM [Timed Item: 1:00 P.M.]**  
[Public Comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic plan for education are heard at this time.] –  
(On “a” and “b,” Four Minutes Time Limit Per Presenter – Persons from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view will be discouraged.)

- a. Partners in Education Comments
- b. Public Comments
- c. Area Schools  
(Ten Minutes Time Limit Per School/School District)

14.\* **PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS**

15.\* **NEXT REGULAR PEC MEETING** – (The PEC Executive Committee Recommends a change from October 8 to November 5, 2004, in Santa Fe)

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Public Education Commission Office at 827-6571 by September 6, 2004.  
Upon request, public documents will be provided in the accessible form necessary to the individual requesting the particular auxiliary aid.*