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The On-line Training through NMCCS and ACES is now available!!

This training is for any of your GC members who may need to complete their mandatory (5) hours of GC training.

Currently, only Course I is available. Course I is for those GC members who have not previously taken the on-line training or have been on a school board for less than 3 years.

Course II (which will be available after March 1, 2017) will be for GC members who took the on-line training in the spring or have been on a governing board for more than 3 years.

The cost of the training will be:

- \$80 per hour for members of NMCCS **and** ACES
- \$90 per hour for members of NMCCS **or** ACES
- \$100 per hour for non-members

There will be 11 modules on the website for Course I. Each module will be 30 minutes long including the quiz at the end of each one. 2 modules = 1 hour of training. If GC members needs 5 hours of training, they only need to take 10 of the 11 modules. Course I modules will cover the following topics:

- GC Structures and Responsibilities
- Productive GC Meetings
- GC Member Conduct
- Policy Development
- GC Assessment
- Hiring, Evaluation and Supporting Your Administrator
- GC Communications
- Promoting the Vision and Mission
- GC Financial Oversight
- Strategic Planning
- Accountability and Program Assessment

The registration page can be found by following this link <http://nmccs.org/nmccs-online-training-new-account-registration/> or going to our website www.nmccs.org and clicking on the "register" button.

Instructions on how to access the trainings can be found on the registration page. Only Course I modules can be accessed now.

Please contact Donna Vanlandingham at donna@nmccs.org if you have questions or need assistance.

New Food/Cafeteria Request for Proposals (RFP)

ACES will be issuing a new Request for Proposals for food/cafeteria services this Spring that will be in compliance with the new guidelines and ensure that the required changes are met with all contracts for food/cafeteria services. Thus, all schools utilizing the new contracts through ACES can rest assured they will be in compliance with all new requirements.

We encourage any vendor that is wishing to provide food/cafeteria services to NM's charter school to contact Max or Bruce to ensure they are notified of the new RFP and have an opportunity to submit a proposal.

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Charter School Job Fair

ACES is in the planning stage for the 2nd Annual New Mexico Charter School Job Fair. Currently, we are looking at holding the Job Fair on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 3:00-6:00 pm. To allow schools the opportunity to host the event, Albuquerque School Excellence (13201 Lomas NE, Albuquerque 87112) will be the site of this year's Job Fair. There will not be any charge for a table for schools that are using ACES Online Charter School Employment Service. For schools not currently using the service, they can subscribe between now and March 15, 2017 and receive a free table. For schools that are ACES members, but not a subscriber to the Online service, the cost for a table will be \$100. For schools that are not ACES members, the cost for a table will be \$200. All fees for the tables will be used to advertise the event throughout the state and nationally.

For more information on the Online Charter School Employment Service or on the Job Fair, please contact Bruce.

Custodial Services Now Available!

ACES recently published a Request for Proposals for Custodial Services. After carefully evaluating the proposals that were received, ACES awarded a contract to Jani-King of New Mexico. Jani-King of New Mexico has been providing custodial services to many organizations since 1999 and can provide services throughout the state.

ACES members will receive lower pricing for custodial services. Since each building is unique, and each school's needs are different, an onsite visit will be necessary to obtain a customized quote. To arrange for a visit and to get a price quote, please contact Bruce at bruce.h@nmaces.org or Max at max.l@nmaces.org.

School Choice Fair New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools

WHEN: Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE: North Valley Academy Charter School

7939 4th Street NW

Los Ranchos, NM

NMCCS knows that choice matters when it comes to educating students!!! Charter schools are tuition free public schools open to all students.

Parents will be able to visit with multiple charter schools to see what programs are available for their children.

Questions about the School Choice Fair, please contact Donna Vanlandingham at donna@nmccs.org or 842-8203.

New Mexico Teacher Leadership Network

NMPED has inaugurated a Teacher Leader Network which consists of 50 teachers selected from around the state across all grade levels and content areas to form a network to support teachers in the evaluation process.

As a state charter representative, Janet Weeden from Explore Academy is available to support teachers in their quest to improve their evaluations. She can provide direction regarding all four of the domains, but especially on Domains 2 and 3 regarding specific teacher practices to improve student learning and performance. This not only impacts the teacher evaluation, but increased scores dictate into higher student achievement which translates into school success. Training is available to any state charter school non gratis. Contact Janet Weeden: (505) 227-7720 by text or call or email weeden@exploreacademy.org for more information.