

Charter Chatter September

Monthly Newsletter presented by NMACES



Notes from the Executive Director, Christy Takacs

This month, we are highlighting a non-profit organization called [Environmental Education of NM \(EENM\)](#). I reached out to them after I read one of PED's emails in response to a question posed by school leaders:

Q: Is there funding available for outdoor classrooms? If yes, where do we need to submit for additional funding?

A: There are no funds currently earmarked for outdoor classrooms from the SEA (PED) reserve funds.

EENM has been advocating for more than a year to gain PED's financial support for outdoor learning opportunities to provide a safer alternative to indoor classrooms in response to COVID-19.

Their latest effort to demonstrate that there is widespread support from the NM education community is a **sign-on letter** that will be delivered to Governor Lujan Grisham, PED, and the NM Legislature in the near future. NMACES has signed the letter, and we are providing the opportunity below for you to do the same for the health of NM's students. Please share this information with your contacts!

Outdoor Learning Initiative



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Dear Community,

Today, we are reaching out to all New Mexicans, including students, parents, guardians, family members, teachers, superintendents, education professionals, organizations, and community members, to join us in asking Governor Lujan Grisham, the New Mexico Public Education Department, and the New Mexico Legislature to invest in outdoor classrooms and outdoor learning today **by adding your name to our [outdoor classrooms sign-on letter](#)**.

Outdoor classrooms provide a bipartisan, common sense solution to support healthier kids, schools, and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through October 8th, we are urging all New Mexicans to offer their support via the [outdoor classrooms sign-on letter](#) to prioritize the \$12.2 million dollar [STATEWIDE OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS: Design, Build, Learn initiative](#). The cost is approximately 1% of the education funding already allocated for New Mexico as part of the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund through the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act. For more information, including FAQs about outdoor learning, please visit eenm.org/letter/.

Please [sign today](#) and share with your networks and communities.




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