



NATIONAL DANCE INSTITUTE OF NEW MEXICO

TEACHING CHILDREN EXCELLENCE

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Dr. Don Duran
Charter Schools Division
New Mexico Public Education Department
CNM Workforce Training Center
5600 Eagle Rock Avenue
Albuquerque, NM 87113


Dear Dr. Duran:

As the Executive Director of National Dance Institute of New Mexico, it is with pleasure that I submit this letter of support for New Mexico School for the Arts. NDI-NM looks forward to our partnership with NMSA as outlined in the charter school application. The NDI-NM Board of Directors has voted to be a strong partner of the school, a decision I gladly support.

NDI-NM is excited to share our core values with NMSA and we look forward to creating a long-term partnership. NDI-NM programs reach more than 6,000 children and 700 public school teachers annually throughout the state. Through NDI-NM's outstanding programs, children learn the art of dance in addition to improving life skills such as discipline, persistence, teamwork, and the concept that hard work leads to achievement. NMSA will provide extended opportunities to countless New Mexico students.

Please feel free to contact me at (505) 983-7646 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


Russell Baker
Executive Director