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GALLUP-McKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS A – F SCHOOL GRADES

Gallup, New Mex.— The New Mexico Public Education Department has released the letter grades for public schools across the state. Each one of the thirty-six schools in Gallup-McKinley County has received a letter grade of A – F.

Compared to the current Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) system, the new formula gives a more complete and comprehensive view of our schools' progress. With this more comprehensive A-F grading system, the majority of GMCS schools have shown greater success.

Current grades of GMCS include: 2 As, 8 Bs, 13 Cs and 10 Ds and 3 Fs. This pattern reflects the state average of two-thirds of the schools receiving passing grades of A, B or C.

Most schools received passing grades, which is a better reflection of how students, parents, teachers, and administrators are working together to improve achievement. These initial results provide the district and schools with important information. The new system is encouraging and gives reason to celebrate student success.

The A – F Grade results have affirmed the district's efforts toward continuous improvement through common vision, mission and goals.

The specific grades and details of each school's grade report are posted on the school district's website at www.gmcs.k12.nm.us . More detailed information regarding schools across the state is available on the NM PED website at <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/>.

Ray Arsenault, Superintendent

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