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September 21, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share the results of the New Mexico Public Education Department's (PED) annual state accreditation review for the 2025–2026 school year.

Following its review, the PED assigned La Merced Elementary School an accreditation status of Approved with Conditions.

This annual process reviews whether public schools meet key legal and regulatory requirements. The PED evaluates evidence across ten areas related to school programs, governance, reporting, and administrative practices. The final determination also considers the school's most recent performance outcomes from the NM Vistas federal accountability system.

State accreditation is distinct from federal school accountability designations and accreditation by an approved regional accrediting agency.

Approved with Conditions: An Approved with Conditions status means the PED identified one or more areas that require attention while allowing our school to remain accredited. We are working with the PED to address the identified conditions. Our improvement efforts include ensuring that the Superintendent submits the necessary waiver request to the NM Public Education Department when class load averages are exceeded.

We are committed to being transparent with our families and to addressing any areas requiring improvement. You may review additional information about New Mexico's annual accreditation process on the PED Accreditation website.

If you have questions about our school's status or planned next steps, please contact Superintendent Lawrence Sanchez at sanchezla@beleneagles.org or (505) 966-1006.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students.

Sincerely,

Lawrence A. Sanchez

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