



# THE DISTRICT

## Bernalillo Public Schools

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### From The Superintendent's Desk



Dear BPS Community-

As we settle into the 2026–27 school year, our theme continues to guide us: All We Need Is Ganas. That word — Ganas, the drive and determination Jaime Escalante called on his students to find within themselves — has shaped how we've talked about this year from day one, and it's the same spirit I want to lift up as we look at where BPS stands today and where we're headed.

We have real reason for optimism. Our students have now shown five consecutive years of growth in both reading and math — a sustained trajectory that reflects the hard work of our teachers, the support of our families, and the resilience of our students across the fifteen communities we are proud to serve, each with its own history, traditions, and deep roots in this place we call home. This isn't a single good year. It's a pattern, built year over year, and it's proof that the systems we've put in place — in our classrooms, our schools, and our district — are working.

That's exactly why now is the right moment to look further ahead. This year, Bernalillo Public Schools will begin a community-driven strategic planning process to chart our course for the next five years. We want to build on the foundation we've laid — not start over, but grow smarter, more intentional, and more responsive to what our community needs. Strategic planning of this kind only works when it reflects the voices of the people it serves — the full, rich diversity of our fifteen communities, our students, families, staff, and the multicultural heritage that makes Bernalillo Public Schools what it is.

You'll find a flyer in this newsletter with details on how to get involved — whether that's a community input session, a survey, or another way to make sure your voice shapes this plan. I encourage every one of you to take a look and participate in whatever way works for you.

We've built something strong together, drawing on the strength of every community we serve. Now let's decide, together, what we build next.

Together we have ganas,

Matt

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# Message from School Board President, Paul Madrid

Folks,

My grandfather used to tell me that a good rancher doesn't judge his herd by one season — he judges it by how the land looks five years down the trail. And when I look back at where Bernalillo Public Schools stood five years ago, and where we're standing today, I like what I see.

We've grown. Not the kind of growth you can measure with a fence line, either — the kind that shows up in test scores climbing, in programs taking root, in more of our kids graduating ready for whatever comes next, whether that's a university, a trade, or a tribal enterprise back home. Five years of steady, deliberate work by our teachers, our staff, and our families. That's not luck. That's not a lucky rain year. That's folks showing up and doing the hard work, season after season, even when the ground was tough.

Now here's the thing about ranching that took me a while to learn: you don't get to just admire a good herd and call it done. You've got to plan for the next five years, too — where you're grazing, where you're watering, where the next gate needs to go before you need it, not after. A rancher who only looks backward at his success is a rancher who gets caught flat-footed by the next drought.

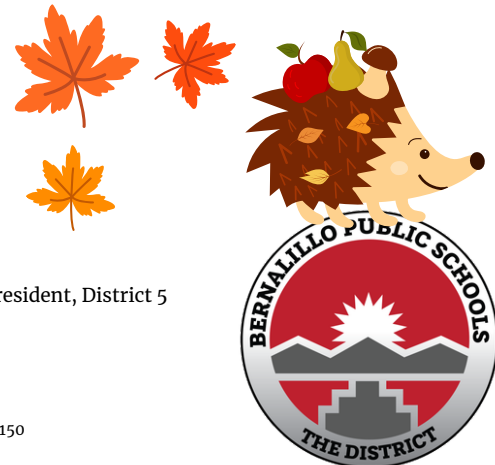
That's exactly where BPS is right now. We've got the growth behind us to be proud of, and we've got some real decisions ahead of us about where this district goes next. And I'll tell you plainly — the best fence lines get built when everybody who uses the land has a hand in planning them. That's why we're inviting you, our fifteen communities, our families, our staff, and our students, to be part of our strategic planning process.

This isn't a process where a handful of folks in a room decide the future for everybody else. This is your district. Your kids. Your community. We want your voice in the room when we're deciding where the next gate goes.

Watch for more details soon on how to get involved — through community meetings, surveys, and conversations in the places where you already gather. Come saddle up with us. The next five years of growth start with what we build together right now.

Onward together.

Paul



The Bernalillo Public Schools Board of Education Paul Madrid, President, District 5  
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Personal Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students, J-3150  
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English  
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## Bernalillo Public Schools

### STRATEGIC PLAN 2027-2032

# It's time to shape **our next chapter.**

Bernalillo Public Schools is beginning the process of revisiting our **district strategic plan** — the roadmap that guides our priorities, programs, and resources for the 5 years ahead. We do this every 5 years to reflect our dynamic community, emerging technology, and a rapidly changing world. Our first step is to gather insight from BPS parents and families. You and your students are our top priority.

This input will help shape the way we come together and prioritize our work in order to ensure all students at Bernalillo have strong academic outcomes, and that they are prepared for college, careers, community leadership—or a combination of all those things.

#### **5-yr CHECKPOINT**

Every **5 years**, our district steps back to revisit our strategic plan. It's how we stay intentional — checking that our vision reflects our community's needs and goals, and **adapting and evolving** to serve our students well. As technology, community needs, and context changes, what doesn't change is our commitment to student success, academic excellence, and a sense of belonging for everyone in the BPS community.

### **WHY WE DO THIS**

#### **Change is a constant**

Technology changes. Community priorities shift. Research on the science of teaching and learning continues to evolve. Our students and families deserve a plan that keeps pace. This process keeps our vision sharp and our priorities clear.

### **WHO IT'S FOR**

#### **Students at the center**

Every choice comes back to one goal: giving our students the best possible support, at every grade and in every school in our district, so they can succeed while they are in our schools, and long after they've left.

### **JOIN US** We want to hear your voice. Here's how you can get involved.

We will host live community meetings where you can share your input, as well as hear from your neighbors and fellow BPS families. Please register for the input session that works best for your schedule. We will be capping each session at 20 participants to ensure all participants can share. If you can't make the sessions, and/or if you'd rather share feedback anonymously, you can also take our district survey, linked below.

#### **Upcoming community meetings**

**September 16th – 5:30 - 6:30**

<Spanish translation available>

**In-Person**

[Sign up link](#)

**September 21st – 5:30 - 6:30**

**During Parent Advisory Council**

<Spanish translation available>

**District Office, Board Room**

**Advisory Sign Up [HERE](#)**

**Virtual Option, Join [HERE](#)**

#### **SHARE NOW**

#### **Take the district survey**

Can't make a session? Rather share anonymously? Please complete this 5-7 minute parent & family [survey](#). We appreciate all input!

Spanish survey [link](#)



## Bernalillo Public Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Welcoming *JoAnn Melchor* as Indian Education Director

A Pueblo leader, philanthropic strategist, and life long advocate for Native students joins Bernalillo Public Schools.



# 40+

YEARS OF SERVICE

# 20

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

# 2,000+

NATIVE YOUTH REACHED

Bernalillo Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of **JoAnn Melchor**, a member of Santo Domingo Pueblo, as our new **Indian Education Director** — one of New Mexico's most seasoned Indigenous education and community development leaders.

### --- COMMUNITY & TRIBAL LEADERSHIP ---

As Executive Director of **Southwest Youth Services**, Melchor grew the organization in collaboration with **20 tribal communities** and more than 2,000 Native children and youth, managing a National Native Youth Leadership conference and youth soccer tournament. As Director of Advancement at **Keres Children's Learning Center (KCLC) in Cochiti Pueblo**, she helped build a diversified funding plan sustaining KCLC's Operations so Pueblo children could be educated on their own cultural terms.

### --- EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ---

As President and CEO of the **New Mexico Foundation**, Melchor directed statewide programs and forged partnerships that transformed lives across New Mexico. During COVID-19, she founded the **Native American Relief Fund** and the **Native American Recovery Fund**, mobilizing critical resources for every tribe in the state. Most recently, she served as Vice President of Development at First Nations Development Institute, and led a 12-person Development team.

### --- LOOKING AHEAD ---

She arrives not simply as an administrator, but as a Pueblo woman who has spent a lifetime ensuring Indigenous communities have the resources, recognition, and respect they deserve, so every student in Bernalillo Public Schools can see themselves reflected, supported, and celebrated in their education.

*The work of generations continues — and it is in good hands.*



## Bernalillo Public Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Welcoming *Marisol Moreno* as Bilingual Director

A bilingual educator, former school principal, and TESOL-certified leader with international teaching experience joins Bernalillo Public Schools.



13+

YEARS IN EDUCATION

2

COUNTRIES SERVED

2

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

Bernalillo Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of **Marisol Moreno** as our new **Bilingual Director** — a bilingual educator and former school principal whose career spans classrooms, communities, and continents in service of multilingual learners.

### — — — BILINGUAL CLASSROOM LEADERSHIP — — —

Since March 2020, Moreno has served as a **Dual Language Teacher at Bernalillo Elementary School**, bringing daily, direct experience with the district's bilingual students and families. She has also served as an early childhood teacher in Rio Rancho and as a Spanish-language tutor in science and mathematics in Los Alamos, where she partnered with a juvenile justice advisor to support students in need.

### — — — ADMINISTRATIVE & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE — — —

From 2014 to 2018, Moreno served as **Principal-Teacher at Mekaddesh School** in Cajica, Colombia, where she guided institutional projects, oversaw resource allocation and staff functions, and built lasting relationships between the school and the surrounding community. She has also taught adult education and basic school across Colombia, developing and evaluating curriculum in Spanish Language, Science, Social Studies, and English.

### — — — EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS — — —

Moreno holds a **Bachelor's Degree in Basic Education** with an emphasis in Natural Sciences and Environmental Education from Universidad del Tolima, and has completed a **Master's Degree in Education and Humanities** from Universidad Militar Nueva Granada. She holds a **Bilingual Endorsement**, TESOL certification, LETRS training, and an Educational Leadership credential from Highlands University. She also is a Mentor Teacher with Project Sembrar.

### — — — LOOKING AHEAD — — —

Marisol Moreno steps into this role already knowing Bernalillo's students by name. She brings the rare perspective of an educator who has led a school, taught across two countries, and worked in both of the languages our students bring to the classroom. For BPS families, that means a director who understands bilingual education not as policy, but as lived experience.

*Two languages, one community — and a leader who knows both.*



## Bernalillo Public Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Welcoming *Dr. Margaret Carrillo* as CLSD District Literacy Coordinator

A Ph.D.-level literacy advocate dedicated to strengthening systems, building teacher capacity in structured literacy, and improving outcomes for every student, leads the BPS Literacy team.



# 143

SCHOOLS SUPPORTED

# 15+

LITERACY PRESENTATIONS

# Ph.D.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Bernalillo Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of **Dr. Margaret Carrillo** as **CLSD District Literacy Coordinator** — in this role, Dr. Carrillo leads the CLSD team in strengthening the district's comprehensive literacy system and advancing evidence-based practices toward transforming reading outcomes for students across New Mexico.

### --- LITERACY LEADERSHIP & EXPERTISE ---

In her previous role, Dr. Carrillo supported, managed, and facilitated **LETRS**, AIM Pathways professional learning, and the New Mexico Dyslexia Screener across **143 elementary and secondary schools**. She facilitated the development of the district's Structured Literacy Plan and supported evidence-based instructional practices for students and staff district-wide.

As a former **Elementary ELA Teacher Support Specialist**, she designed and delivered professional development for 93 elementary and K-8 schools, and as an **Instructional Coach and Reading Interventionist**, she provided targeted literacy interventions and data-driven instruction for K-3+ students across the district.

### --- EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS ---

Dr. Carrillo holds a **Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction** from New Mexico State University, a **Master of Arts in Teaching** from National University, and a BS in Elementary Education from UNM. She is a **National Board Certified Teacher** in English as a New Language, holds a **Structured Literacy Classroom Teacher Knowledge Certificate** from the Center for Effective Reading Instruction, and a Level 3-A Instructional Leader License with endorsements in Bilingual Education, Language Arts, Reading, TESOL, and Visual Arts.

### --- LOOKING AHEAD ---

As a presenter at the Lexia Science of Reading Summit, the Linking Arms Conference, and Project Echo, Dr. Carrillo is a passionate voice in literacy education committed to helping teachers and students thrive. She brings to BPS a combination of classroom, coaching, and doctoral expertise — and an unwavering dedication to ensuring every student, regardless of background or language, learns to read, write and speak with confidence.

***Every student deserves a skilled literacy teacher — and every teacher deserves a leader like Dr. Carrillo in their corner.***



## Bernalillo Public Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Welcoming *Shannon Bachicha* as CLSD District Literacy Coach

A dedicated educator, literacy leader, and instructional coach with over two decades of classroom and district-level expertise joins the BPS family.



**20+**

YEARS IN EDUCATION

**3+**

SCHOOLS SERVED

**250+**

ORGANIZED EVENTS

Bernalillo Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of **Shannon Bachicha** as our new **CLSD District Literacy Coach** — a seasoned educator and instructional leader with more than 20 years of experience transforming classrooms and building teacher capacity across New Mexico.

### — — — CLASSROOM & SCHOOL LEADERSHIP — — —

Bachicha spent more than **two decades** in APS classrooms — at **Painted Sky Elementary, Sierra Vista Elementary, and LBJ Middle School** — before stepping into a district coaching role. Along the way she served as Social Studies Department Chair, Language Arts Department Chair, Instructional Council Representative, and Teacher Leadership Facilitator, consistently leading professional learning, data analysis, and instructional alignment school wide.

### — — — DISTRICT COACHING & INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP — — —

Since March 2024, Bachicha had served as an **APS MLSS District Coach**, designing and facilitating district-wide professional development, leading monthly cross-departmental Structured Literacy meetings, and collaborating with **HQIM** program leaders to build resources for classroom teachers. She brings deep expertise in **Structured Literacy**, evidence-based instruction, job-embedded coaching, and data-driven decision making — grounded in PSB New Mexico CLIMB and Excelin-Ed Literacy Coaching frameworks.

### — — — LOOKING AHEAD — — —

Shannon is excited to partner with teachers, coaches, and leaders across BPS. She believes the best work happens when we listen to one another, learn together, and build on what's working. Her goal is to support our schools in creating strong, aligned literacy instruction so every student has the opportunity to succeed. She can't wait to collaborate, celebrate wins, and tackle challenges together.

*The next chapter of student success in Bernalillo is in excellent hands.*



## Bernalillo Public Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Welcoming *Angela Platzbecker* as CLSD District Literacy Coach

Bringing classroom experience, literacy expertise, and a collaborative spirit to the BPS Literacy Team.



3

ENDORSEMENT AREAS

7+

CERTIFICATIONS

10+

YEARS IN EDUCATION

Bernalillo Public Schools is excited to welcome **Angela Platzbecker** as our new **CLSD District Literacy Coach**. Angela brings experience in classroom instruction, **MLSS coaching**, and supporting school teams with evidence-based literacy practices. In her new role, she will partner with teachers, coaches, and school leaders to strengthen literacy instructions and support student success across all layers of the system.

### --- INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING & SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP ---

Since January 2024, Platzbecker had served as an **APS MLSS District Coach**, providing instructional coaching, supporting school teams and developing professional learning and resources for educators across the district. She brings experience connecting curriculum, instruction, assessment, and intervention through the lens of the science of reading and, Structured Literacy.

*Her approach to coaching grounded in collaboration, listening and learning alongside educators.*

### --- CLASSROOM FOUNDATION ---

Platzbecker taught **third, fourth, and fifth grade** in APS classrooms. She designed and delivered standards-aligned instruction, using formative assessment and progress monitoring, and collaborated with teams to analyze data, and plan instruction.

*That classroom experience continues to shape her belief that the strongest coaching starts by listening to teachers and understanding what students need.*

### --- CREDENTIALS & RECOGNITION ---

Platzbecker holds a **Master's Degree in Elementary Education** a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of New Mexico. She is a **Level 3 Instructional Leader** with endorsements in Reading, Mathematics, and Library/Media. She is also an **Amira Champion Literacy Leader**, **Savvas** Learning Lab Facilitator, APS Mentor Teacher, and Instructional Council Chair. She is LETRS trained and OGAP trained in the Additive and Multiplicative Framework.

### --- LOOKING AHEAD ---

As part of the BPS Literacy Team, Angela is excited to listen, learn and partner with schools as we continue strengthening literacy instruction across the district. Her goal is to work alongside educators to identify what is working, build on existing strengths, and support meaningful next steps that benefit both teachers and students.

*Strong systems grow through strong partnerships — and Angela is excited to build those partnerships with BPS Educators.*



## Algodones Elementary



### A Great Start to a New School Year at Algodones Elementary

The first few weeks of school are officially underway, and Algodones Elementary is off to an exciting start! Our classrooms and hallways are once again filled with students learning, laughing, building friendships, and showing their Mustang pride.

Long before our students walked through the doors on the first day, our staff was hard at work preparing for their arrival. Teachers and staff spent time learning together, preparing classrooms, planning for students, organizing schedules, and making sure our school was ready to welcome every child. A major focus of our preparation was Capturing Kids' Hearts and continuing to build a school where every student feels safe, valued, connected, and ready to learn.

During these first weeks, classrooms have been developing their Social Contracts—agreements created together by students and staff that describe how they want to treat one another and how they want to feel in their classrooms. These conversations are helping us build relationships, establish expectations, and remind our students that their voices matter. We know that when students feel connected and cared for, they are better prepared to learn and grow.

We also introduced our theme for the year and accepted our Superintendent's challenge to have GANAS! This year, we are encouraging our Mustangs to approach each day with determination, enthusiasm, and the desire to keep moving forward. We are bringing that message to life by "Pointing Positive"—looking for the good, recognizing one another's efforts, celebrating growth, and choosing a positive direction even when things get challenging. We want our students to know that their attitude, effort, and willingness to keep trying can make a difference!

The Mustang spirit is already going strong outside the classroom, too! 🏃 Our Cross Country team has officially started practicing, and our runners are putting in the work, encouraging their teammates, and showing plenty of GANAS. They've even received one of the rarest privileges at an elementary school—Ms. Bright has officially given them permission to RUN in the hallways during practice! 😊 Our runners are taking full advantage of that special permission as they prepare for the season ahead. We are excited to cheer them on and watch them grow stronger and more confident with every practice. Go Mustangs! 🐾

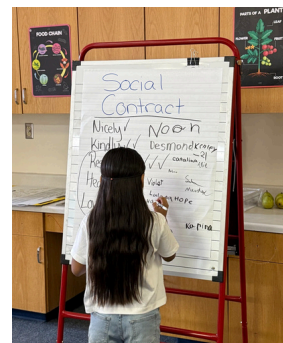
And speaking of Mustang pride...our Mustang needs a name! 🐾 We are getting our students involved in helping us name our school mascot. We can't wait to hear their creative ideas and eventually reveal the name that will represent our Mustang spirit for years to come. Stay tuned!

From building relationships and creating Social Contracts to establishing routines, jumping into learning, and even getting permission to run in the hallways, these first weeks have already given us plenty to celebrate.

Most importantly, we are excited about the energy our students and staff have brought into this new school year. We are looking forward to a year filled with GANAS, growth, kindness, hard work, laughter, and plenty of Mustang pride.

Here's to a great year, Mustangs!

Every Day Counts. Every Mustang Matters! 🐾💙





### A Visit From Mr. Chris

We had the wonderful pleasure of receiving a visit from a very special friend, our former security guard, Mr. Chris! The moment Mr. Chris walked through the door, the excitement was undeniable. As soon as he entered, screams of joy erupted throughout the room! Faces lit up, smiles spread everywhere, and everyone was thrilled to see him again.

Mr. Chris has always held a special place in our hearts. During his time with us, he became more than just our security guard; he became someone familiar, trusted, and truly appreciated. His return brought back so many happy memories and reminded us of the wonderful connection he built with everyone. He was given a special token of our appreciation. It was a beautiful visit filled with laughter, excitement, warm greetings, and plenty of happy moments. Seeing how excited everyone was to see him showed just how much impact he had here at CEMS.

Thank you, Mr. Chris, for stopping by and bringing so much joy with you! You will always be a Cougar, and we hope to see you again soon!

### Welcome to Our New Staff!

We are excited to welcome several wonderful new members to our Cochiti Schools team this year. Each person brings unique talents, experiences, and strengths that will help us continue creating a positive and engaging learning environment for our students.

Please join us in welcoming:

Ms. Trafton, Science  
 Ms. Pega, Math  
 Ms. Stice, Film  
 Mr. Benavidez, Music and Band  
 Ms. Bermudez, 1st Grade  
 Ms. Juarez, Registrar  
 Mr. Lucero- Security  
 Mr. Montoya, Custodian



We are also excited to recognize Ms. Dorella, who is not new to Cochiti Schools but is stepping into a new role this year as our Lead Teacher. We are grateful for her continued leadership and support of our students and staff.

We are so happy to have each of you on our team and look forward to a wonderful year of learning, collaboration, and growth together. Please help us give them a warm CEMS welcome!



### Our Open House Was a Success!

This past Tuesday, August 18th, we had a wonderful time welcoming our families to Open House!

The evening was filled with smiling families, happy teachers, and warm welcomes throughout the school. It was such a joy to see everyone coming together, meeting teachers, exploring classrooms, and getting excited for the school year ahead.

Families also had fun participating in a scavenger hunt, adding some extra excitement to the evening. Of course, we could not end the night without a special treat, ice cream!

Thank you to all of our amazing families and staff for making Open House such a wonderful success. We loved seeing so many smiles and are excited for all the memories and learning ahead this school year!

What a sweet way to kick off an amazing year!



## La Escuelita Preschool



### Kicking Off an All-Star School Year

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time, and this year has been especially meaningful as we welcomed our preschool students and families back to campus. Our staff worked incredibly hard to prepare for the first day of school, thoughtfully creating classrooms and spaces that feel warm, welcoming, safe, and exciting for our youngest learners. Every detail was planned with our students in mind and with the goal of helping each child feel that they belong from the moment they walk through our doors.

This year, our theme is "All Stars!" and our campus is filled with sports-inspired decorations and special touches that remind our students that they are the stars of our school. From classrooms and hallways to welcoming displays throughout the building, our campus celebrates the idea that every student has unique talents, strengths, and potential. We want our students to know that we believe in them and that we are ready to cheer them on as they learn, grow, and become All Stars this year!

On the first day of school, we were thrilled to welcome students and their families into our building and classrooms. Families had the opportunity to see the learning environments our staff worked so hard to create and, most importantly, to see just how excited our teachers and staff are to have their child with us this year. The smiles, excitement, and energy throughout our campus made for a wonderful beginning to the school year.



Preschool represents some of the most important foundational years of a child's education. During this time, children begin developing the academic, social, emotional, and communication skills that will support them throughout their educational journey. We are honored to be part of these important first experiences and look forward to providing opportunities for our students to explore, discover, build friendships, gain confidence, and develop a love of learning.

We know our students will do great things during their time with us. With a dedicated staff, supportive families, and a campus ready to celebrate every success, we are looking forward to an incredible year of learning and growth.

The season has officially begun, and we can't wait to watch our preschool All Stars shine!





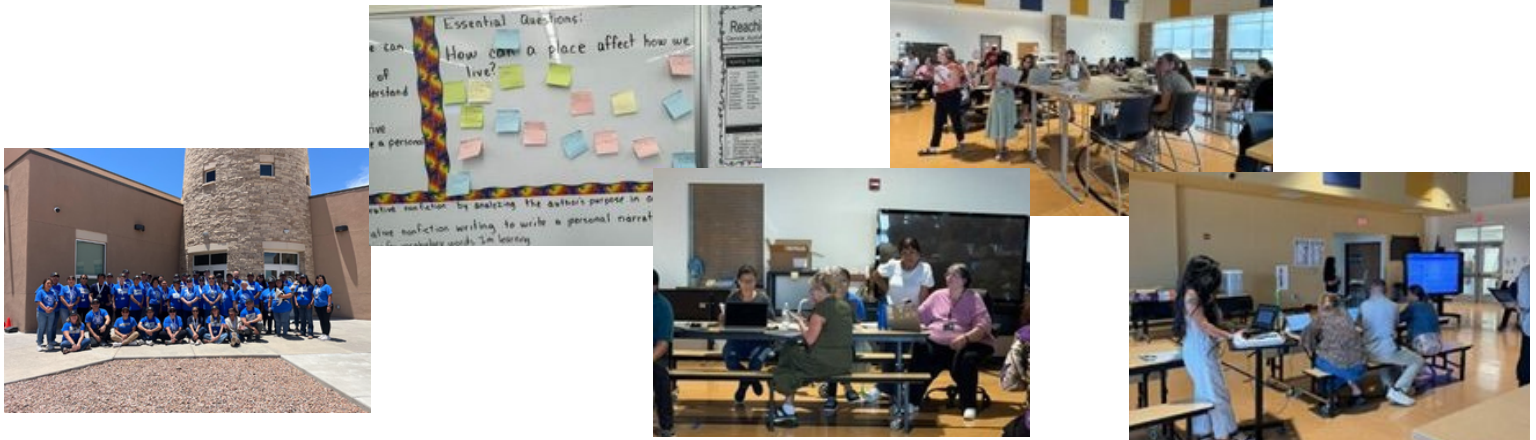
## Santo Domingo Schools

The first couple weeks of school have been filled with a special kind of energy at Santo Domingo—new beginnings, familiar faces, new relationships, and the excitement of what the year ahead will bring.

This first week has been a wonderful reminder of our Roots and Wings mission and how we believe in strengthening and celebrating each student's cultural identity. By doing this we help students build strong roots that foster confidence, resilience, and a love of learning. From there, they are able to spread their wings, pursue their dreams, and ultimately return to give back to their community.

Fourth grade shows their knowledge.....

Our fourth grade students in Mrs. Stansbury's class are stepping up their game.....They cover the essential question and students have to answer it based on what they already know. It is a great way for the teacher to do a quick check for prior knowledge before starting the lesson.



Coming Together: Our First Wednesday Staff Meeting

Our first Wednesday staff meeting of the school year provided an important opportunity for our team to come together, strengthen communication, and focus on important topics that we do not always have time to address during the school day. These dedicated moments of collaboration help ensure that we are aligned in our goals and equipped to support our students and one another throughout the year.

We began the meeting with a presentation from our Keres Language Team, who shared specific cultural guidance for staff. This important conversation reinforced our commitment to honoring Kewa Pueblo culture, language, traditions, and values in our schools. As part of our Roots and Wings mission, keeping culture and language at the heart of what we do helps us create learning environments where students can see their identity and community reflected and celebrated.

Next, staff participated in a presentation focused on our instructional goals for the first four weeks of school. Teachers reviewed key priorities, including establishing strong routines and procedures, annotating curriculum, monitoring student learning, and engaging all students. These early weeks are critical for establishing a strong foundation, and our goal is to be intentional in our instructional practices so that every student has the opportunity to experience success.

Safety was also an important focus of our meeting. Security Specialist Greg Reams provided training on the RAVE app and reviewed lockdown procedures with staff. This training ensures that everyone understands the tools and procedures available to us and knows how to respond appropriately in an emergency. Maintaining a safe and secure campus is a shared responsibility, and ongoing training helps us remain prepared.

We concluded with a Synergy training led by Ms. Myrick and Ms. Argo. Teachers received guidance on using Synergy to take attendance and enter grades, strengthening our ability to maintain accurate records and communicate student progress effectively.

Our first Wednesday meeting reflected the many layers of our work as educators—from culture and relationships to instruction, safety, and technology. Most importantly, it gave us time to learn together, ask questions, strengthen our systems, and build greater consistency as a team.

When we come together with a shared purpose, we strengthen the foundation for student success. We are grateful for the time, expertise, and commitment of our staff as we begin this school year rooted in culture, connected as a community, and focused on preparing every student for future success.

# Superintendent's Advisory Committees



Be a part of the Superintendent's Advisory Committees! We're looking for Teachers, Parents and Students, who want to share ideas, provide feedback, and help shape the future of our schools.

Join the Teacher Advisory, Parent Advisory, or Student Advisory Committee and make your voice heard. Scan the QR code to apply today!

SCAN ME



Teacher Advisory

SCAN ME



Parent Advisory

SCAN ME



Student Advisory



These committees meet monthly and play a key role in shaping district priorities by providing input on important initiatives, programs, and policies. It's a meaningful way to stay informed, ask questions, and make a difference for our students.



If you would like to nominate a BPS employee for the **Spirit of Outstanding Service** award, please complete the nomination form using the QR code or web address below.  
Thank you.



[Spirit of Outstanding Service Link](#)



• NEW THIS YEAR AT BERNALILLO HIGH SCHOOL

# Plug into your future.

We're launching a full Electric Vehicle Technology Program — five hands-on training stations, real EV/hybrid vehicles, and a direct path to industry certification. Here's your first look.

5 training stations

44 curriculum lessons

ASE certification prep

[Get the full details →](#)

Program overview, timeline & how to enroll



# FALL HARVEST

Games

Live Music

Trunk or Treat

Petting Zoo

Car show

Local Vendors

LOCATION: BERNALILLO HIGH SCHOOL - 148 SPARTAN ALLEY, BERNALILLO, NM 87004

LIVE BAND- STR8 SHOT

**OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**START AT**

**10:00AM - 2:00PM**

[Vendor Sign Up Link](#)



# September

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| September 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Early Release Day  | SLA Cross Country Vs. Eagle Ridge @ RRHS<br>AWAY<br>SLA Football vs. Edgewood                            |
| September 3 <sup>rd</sup>                       | BHS Volleyball vs. Espanola HOME                                                                         |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup>                       | AWAY<br>BHS Boys Soccer vs. Artesia @ Ruidoso HS<br>BHS Football vs. Espanola Valley HOME                |
| September 5 <sup>th</sup>                       | AWAY<br>BHS Cross Country vs. St. Pius<br>Boys Soccer vs. Moriarty @ Ruidoso HS                          |
| September 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | Labor Day – No school                                                                                    |
| September 8 <sup>th</sup>                       | AWAY<br>BHS Volleyball vs. Grants                                                                        |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Early Release Day  | SLA Volleyball vs. Pojoaque HOME<br>AWAY<br>SLA Football vs. ERMS<br>SLA Cross Country vs. Edgewood AWAY |
| September 10 <sup>th</sup>                      | AWAY<br>BHS Volleyball vs. Taos<br>BHS Lady Soccer vs. SFIS                                              |
| September 11 <sup>th</sup>                      | AWAY<br>BHS Football vs. Taos                                                                            |
| September 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | AWAY<br>BHS Cross Country vs. Pecos<br>BHS Soccer vs. Aztec                                              |
| September 15 <sup>th</sup>                      | AWAY<br>SLA Volleyball vs. Moriarty HOME<br>BHS Soccer vs. Belen                                         |
| September 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Early Release Day | HOME<br>SLA Football vs. Pojoaque                                                                        |
| September 17 <sup>th</sup>                      | AWAY<br>BHS Volleyball vs. Rio Grande                                                                    |



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|                                                 |  SLA Volleyball vs. West Las Vegas<br>BHS Lady Soccer vs. Moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup>                      |  BHS Football vs. Bloomfield                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| September 19 <sup>th</sup>                      |  BHS Cross Country vs. Rio Grande<br>BHS Soccer vs. Bloomfield <br> BHS Volleyball vs. Hope |
| September 21 <sup>st</sup>                      | Superintendent's Parent Advisory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup>                      |  SLA Volleyball vs. Edgewood<br>BHS Soccer vs. Del Norte                                                                                                                     |
| September 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Early Release Day | SLA Football vs. SFIS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| September 24 <sup>th</sup>                      | BHS Volleyball vs. Pojoaque <br> BHS Soccer vs. Manzano<br>Regular District Board Meeting @ 5:30pm @ BHS                                                                 |
| September 26 <sup>th</sup>                      |  BHS Cross Country vs. Capital City                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><i>SIGN UP FOR ADVISORY ON PAGE 13</i></b>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup>                      | Superintendent Teacher Advisory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| September 29 <sup>th</sup>                      | BHS Volleyball vs. Moriarty <br>BHS Soccer vs. Highland                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| September 30 <sup>th</sup><br>Early Release Day |  SLA Football vs. Moriarty<br>SLA Cross Country vs. Academy                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



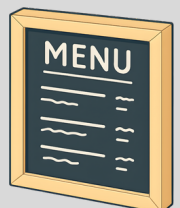
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**ALL EVENTS hosted on Bernalillo  
Public Schools property- including but  
not limited to sporting events, festivals,  
performances, and concerts- follow the  
clear bag policy.**



**ALL bags and backpacks MUST BE  
CLEAR to enter the event. Failure to  
comply may result in denied entry.**

**We appreciate your cooperation.**