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Gallup-McKinley County Schools Announces Early Release Schedule for Fridays Beginning 2026–2027 School Year.

Gallup, NM — Gallup-McKinley County Schools (GMCS) is pleased to announce that beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, all GMCS schools will implement an early release schedule every Friday.

- Elementary Schools will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
- Middle Schools will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m.
- High Schools will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

This change reflects GMCS's continued commitment to supporting student success, staff collaboration, and meaningful family engagement. The decision was made in part due to valuable feedback gathered through community surveys and Listening Tours, where families, staff, and community members shared their perspectives on improving the school experience.

"We are grateful to our families and community members for their input," said Jvanna Hanks, Superintendent. "Your voices played an important role in shaping this decision. These early release Fridays will provide additional opportunities to strengthen instruction, support our educators, and better serve our students."

GMCS looks forward to implementing this schedule and continuing to partner with families and the community to create a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

Thank you for your continued support. GMCS is excited to serve your families and communities throughout the upcoming school year.

For more information, please visit your school site at: www.gmcs.org