Sept. 1, 2026

Dear APS Families,

As Superintendent of Albuquerque Public Schools, I am honored to lead a district dedicated to inspiring and equipping every student for a successful future. Beyond building strong academic foundations, our mission is to foster supportive environments where every child feels seen, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

To support our goal of building vibrant school communities, we invite our students to share their experiences through the APS Skills, Habits, and Mindsets Student Survey. Conducted twice each school year for students in grades 3 through 12, this survey provides essential insights into how students navigate challenges, build perseverance, develop social awareness, and grow in self-confidence.

These survey results also help us track our progress toward Goal 4, which our Board of Education established to help students grow the essential skills they need for life beyond the classroom. Specifically, we are tracking progress in four key areas — perseverance, self-regulation, self-efficacy, and social awareness — which we know make a real difference in our students' long-term success.

Student voices matter to us. Their candid feedback directly guides our educators and leaders in refining classroom practices, strengthening school climate, and designing tailored support systems. All responses are completely confidential and are used solely to improve student support services.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. Ahead of the upcoming survey window, preview questions are available for your review by going to the Skills, Habits, and Mindsets Student Survey page on our website. Should you prefer to opt your child out, you may do so through Sept. 8 by completing the district opt-out form.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in creating vibrant, welcoming, and nurturing learning communities across Albuquerque.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriella Durán Blakey
Albuquerque Public Schools Superintendent