

**NEW MEXICO**  
**CENTER FOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**  
BRINGING CHANGE THROUGH NETWORKING & REDESIGN

Board members, good afternoon, my name is Kyle Fahsel and I am here today to represent the New Mexico Center for School Leadership where I serve as the School Development Fellow. Unfortunately, the Director, Tony Monfilleto, could not be here this evening to talk with you. He is in San Jose, California, at a meeting convened by "Education Cities" of school reform organizations focused on scaling the use of "Personalized Learning" in more communities across the country.

These are Tony's comments regarding the qualifications for a new superintendent and they are geared toward the Center's request that you hire a leader who wants to partner with local educators from outside the district to serve the young people of Albuquerque. For example, the New Mexico Center for School Leadership has recently been asked to replicate its personalized approach toward learning by a group of national foundations. The Center is one of seven regional non-profits from across the country that have been selected to replicate our practices in more schools. We are excited that we have been recognized nationally and we would appreciate the chance to partner with APS to support more young people in our own community.

Also, our research has helped us create a new method for school accountability through our partnership with the McCune Foundation. Our project is focused on creating new metrics to evaluate schools. It has grown out of a collection of highly innovative charter schools in Albuquerque and we think it has real potential to help inform the conversation for all schools in our community. We are starting to redefine what young people should know and be able to do in to be successful in the future.

Finally, we would like for you to partner with us to create more schools and help transform existing traditional schools to become more personalized to the needs of young people and responsive to the community. This would mean hiring a superintendent in favor of lifting the ban on new charters and facilitating the bridge building between the district and some the most innovative charter schools in our community that we represent. We are currently working with a national network of organizations known as Education Cities on a strategic plan to scale our work. It will be completed by June 1.

Thank you,

Tony Monfilleto