Earlier this year, the **court ordered the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) to finalize an action plan for implementation of the *Martinez/Yazzie* decision, which directed the state to improve services for four student groups that have been poorly served by New Mexico schools**:

* students with disabilities
* Native American students
* students from low-income families
* English-language learners

 The plan will address five core areas that have been identified by the court:

* Equitable access to high-quality instruction
* Access to well-prepared, culturally and linguistically responsive educators
* Academic, social, and behavioral support services
* Fair and effective funding to meet student needs
* Data and accountability systems to drive continuous improvement

To help develop the action plan, PED is **seeking public input** through community meetings that have been held in various locations around the state.  The **final public input meetings will be held virtually on Zoom** so you can attend from anywhere.  Two of them are this afternoon and the last three will be next Tuesday:

* **\*\* Friday, August 22** – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  [Register Here](https://cohjb5bab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001SU5TJ5LS3F1FrWebwCVmtmdB0HUYjMfCEfaDrxVopuYbsM8e35npAcFTEohTFE-qAU46JaSyR7NZwuMs9SJ1rNAUxx_D3j8xV0K5j6HSnHdraf4-GurYTyfLPsUaaVUNlEQTfIYjLEv3fSd_ft07cJKwc0F-ROu3vfPGlk9fHVkegSVSia63TQuXKkMOTS24QXcCiLZN-QDStvI_Np6PWm3NdEk44NQeYRSwSuXdpK0=&c=-8jzfXHYns2sUK95-IzPv15kWv-ZD7QbP5kSzgfso4gqUiqV4oa8sw==&ch=6xf69y7R-TZ7t2TL-1GfzDrZ-l6oZp1k7eh0KaQlOBiHNhKhXthfpw==) for the August 22 meetings.

 If that link doesn’t work, use this address:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iYs7rdYURdeiujDQO50I_A?_x_zm_rtaid=ESyERVePRE6uubgBJvCRpQ.1755876971906.0993413b61e881ff77377b06cbe1a637&_x_zm_rhtaid=711#/registration>

**\*\* Tuesday, August 26** – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.   [Register Here](https://cohjb5bab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001SU5TJ5LS3F1FrWebwCVmtmdB0HUYjMfCEfaDrxVopuYbsM8e35npAcFTEohTFE-qrhpw-8gqkSJkSjJHpi2kzb3CYO8GWdlVWbQ2H5uF0GIrCxQZ5OgO_iJnpEFpH_1_lnYvdyHRhSUfgDG0YrCv9r6WSP9I3g1qKsgWLQgIj6Fqoikl0_dsc_TGQ55twdAaRBqGjpYLQPJrRSBdPMozpahWfoC5JZvXxDogU1ImVas=&c=-8jzfXHYns2sUK95-IzPv15kWv-ZD7QbP5kSzgfso4gqUiqV4oa8sw==&ch=6xf69y7R-TZ7t2TL-1GfzDrZ-l6oZp1k7eh0KaQlOBiHNhKhXthfpw==) for the August 26 meetings.

Or:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LROrtNLoR0OjZjVwyBt07Q?_x_zm_rtaid=ESyERVePRE6uubgBJvCRpQ.1755876971906.0993413b61e881ff77377b06cbe1a637&_x_zm_rhtaid=711#/registration>

There’s also one more **in-person meeting, which will convene in Gallup next Wednesday, August 27**, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1530 W. Maloney Avenue, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  Food will be served and child care, translation services and ASL interpretation will be provided.  Pre-registration is not required for this in-person meeting.

If you can’t attend any of the meetings, or if you prefer to provide **comments in writing**, you can do that through a survey form on the PED website:  <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8382439/Martinez-Yazzie-Action-Plan-Community-Survey>.  The **survey will be open through August 27**.