



NMSBA Virtual Training - Fall 2026 Sessions

Save the Date!

Watch for the formal announcement coming soon

Monday, October 26th
Wednesday, October 28th
Thursday, October 29th
Monday, November 2nd
Wednesday, November 4th

Lead Facilitator: LeAnne Gandy, Director of Leadership Development, CES

Session Length: 1 hour – Virtual Training via Zoom

Cost: Online Training Module sponsored by the New Mexico School Boards Association and made available on a no cost basis to all NMSBA member districts.

Date: Monday, October 26th

Title: Reflect, Refine, Succeed: School Board Self-Evaluation for Effective Governance

Category: A - Laws, Department Policies, Ethics, Personnel and Equity Practices

Description: This virtual training empowers New Mexico School Board Members to assess and improve their own performance. Participants will explore the legal and ethical foundations of board service, learn how to use self-evaluation tools, and engage in collaborative activities that foster transparency, accountability and continuous improvement. The session blends practical guidance, real-world scenarios and hands-on exercises to help boards strengthen their governance and better serve their communities.

Date: Wednesday, October 28th

Title: School Finance Fundamentals and Fiscal Oversight

Category: B - Finance, Budgeting and Fiduciary Responsibilities and Performance-Based Budgeting

Description: This dynamic session takes you beyond the numbers, showing how budgeting can be a powerful tool for driving student success. You'll discover how to make every dollar count, safeguard your district's resources and champion transparency. Through real-world scenarios and interactive discussions, you'll learn how performance-based budgeting empowers school boards to invest in what works – and build trust with your community. Step into your role as a financial steward and leave with practical strategies to ensure your district's resources fuel meaningful results.



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Date: Thursday, October 29th

Title: Demystifying Legal Concepts

Category: C - Legal Concepts

Description: Step into the world of school board legal essentials with this interactive session! You will demystify the rules that keep your board accountable – from protecting student privacy (FERPA), to handling public records requests (IPRA), to running open, transparent meetings. Through practical scenarios and real-life examples, you will gain the confidence to navigate legal requirements, foster community trust and ensure your board's actions are always above board.

Date: Monday, November 2nd

Title: Driving Excellence: Evaluating Your Superintendent for District Success

Category: D - Effective Governance Practices, Superintendent Supervision and Support

Description: This interactive virtual training empowers New Mexico School Board Members to conduct meaningful, fair and effective superintendent evaluations. Participants will learn best practices for setting clear expectations, using objective criteria and fostering a supportive board-superintendent relationship. Through real-world scenarios, collaborative activities and practical tools, board members will gain confidence in guiding their superintendent-and their district-toward continuous improvement.

Date: Wednesday, November 4th

Title: Strategic Planning for School Board Members: Navigating Future Success for Student Outcomes

Category: E - Student Achievement, Support, and Safe Learning Environments

Description: This engaging virtual training empowers New Mexico School Board Members to lead effective strategic planning that drives distinct improvement and student success. Participants will learn how to develop, implement, and monitor strategic plans aligned with their district's vision, mission and goals. Through interactive activities, real-world scenarios, and collaborative discussion, board members will gain practical tools to set priorities, engage stakeholders and ensure accountability.