

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Tigers



September 14, 2026

Subject: Our schools' annual state accreditation status

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share the results of the New Mexico Public Education Department's (PED) annual state accreditation review for the 2025–2026 school year.

Following its review, the PED assigned all Capitan Municipal Schools an accreditation status of **Approved**.

This annual process reviews whether public schools meet key legal and regulatory requirements. The PED evaluates evidence across ten areas related to school programs, governance, reporting, and administrative practices. The final determination also considers the school's most recent performance outcomes from the NM Vistas federal accountability system.

State accreditation is distinct from federal school accountability designations and accreditation by an approved regional accrediting agency.

Approved: An Approved status means the PED determined that our school met the applicable requirements reviewed through the annual accreditation process. We will continue monitoring our programs and practices and working to provide every student with a high-quality education.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Gutierrez".

Heather Gutierrez
Superintendent