New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Outreach and Early Childhood Programs

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Dear Parents:

I would like to wish you a very happy, healthy, relaxing summer. Thank you for helping us provide your children with the best education possible. We had a fantastic school year! As you may know, NMSBVI's Superintendent Linda Lyle retired. The Board of Directors has asked Patty Beecher to step up this year and be the Interim Superintendent and they asked me, Paul Kilman, to be the Interim Principal at the ECP. I am honored in the trust they have in my skills to be the Interim Principal and I am looking forward to a terrific school year. I have taught preschoolers for 22 years and have been at the NMSBVI ECP for the last 11 years. I have been the Instructional Lead Teacher at the ECP for two years, which has prepared me to be the Interim Principal. My goal as the Interim Principal is to continue the great services and educational programs for all students at the ECP. If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open, so do not hesitate to stop by and talk with me.

As we wrap up this past school year, we are already looking toward next school year and making all of the necessary preparations.

With that in mind, we have enclosed the registration packet for school year 2017-2018. There are several forms that are required for registration and some require a physician's signature. Please schedule any necessary appointments for your child as soon as possible, so that you can have a complete registration packet to hand in on or before August 3rd.

You can return the completed registration packet to NMSBVI at any time or attend registration on August 3, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please bring your child's Medicaid card and shot record to registration or when you bring in your paperwork so that we may copy them for our files. The Physical Form and Medication Authorization form must be completed by your child's physician as well as any other medical forms. The sooner you get the paperwork to us, the easier the beginning of school will be. Your child will not be able to start school until all forms are returned to school. Remember, bus service will begin 5-6 days after you turn in your form, so the earlier you turn in your bus form, the smoother busing will be at the beginning of the year.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, August 15 and will be 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This year we will have a Parent Coffee from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. so you may socialize with other parents. This will be followed by a Parent Orientation Meeting from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. You are welcome to bring your child to school and stay

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We will again serve lunch and a light snack throughout this next year. Please make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast before leaving for school. There is no charge to you for food service at NMSBVI. If your family is in need of any support for food, clothing, etc., please contact our social worker, Nora Sandoval, as she can provide information on community resources and any available assistance.

We have also enclosed the 2017-2018 school calendar. Please note that there a few differences between the NMSBVI calendar and the public school systems' calendars.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at 505-271-3060 or my cell phone at 505-227-5544.

Thank you,

Paul Kilman Program Coordinator