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TECH COMPANIES TO HELP DEVELOP FUTURE WORKFORCE

Tech Industry Leaders help design curriculum for new Tech Leadership High School

Albuquerque – On April 23rd technology industry leaders from around the state will gather to begin collectively developing curricula for the new Technology Leadership High School, one of the now three Leadership High Schools in Albuquerque that focus on key New Mexico industries. At this Technology Summit, PNM, Sandia Labs, and other industry leaders will convene with school leaders to discuss and design classwork, projects, and guidelines that respond to the specific needs of New Mexico’s technology industry and our state’s students. The summit will convene between 9:00am and 12:30pm at ACE Leadership High School.

At Leadership High Schools, students learn math, English, science, and other fundamentals through industry based, real-world projects. Classwork is highly experiential, customized to individual student learning styles, and geared to meet the specific needs of local businesses and institutions in the target industries.

“A prepared workforce is important to the economic vitality of our state, and to PNM,” said Ron Darnell, PNM senior vice president, Public Policy. “We are pleased to support this effort and look forward to working with other industry leaders and educators to identify curriculum needs that can provide broad benefits to everyone, including the students.”

The Leadership High School model – which has been widely successful at both ACE and Health Leadership high schools – seeks out students who are creative problem solvers, and critical thinkers, but who have not been served by the traditional school system. These schools provide students who otherwise might fall through the cracks the necessary skills and support to succeed in a complex and rapidly changing world.

Technology Leadership High School (TLHS) is planned for the International District in Albuquerque. The new high school will actively engage technology businesses, institutions, and community members to better understand the sector’s specific needs and collaborate on real-world projects.

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Technology Leadership High School is part of The Leadership High School Network, a network of high schools that focus on developing future leaders for industries important to New Mexico’s economy. Other Network schools include ACE Leadership and Health Leadership. LHSN schools seek to provide students with the necessary skills and support to become successful professionals and meet the needs of our state’s future workforce.

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