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Public Charter Schools of New Mexico Appoints Jade Rivera as Executive Director

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Public Charter Schools of New Mexico (PCSNM) is proud to announce the appointment of Jade Rivera as its new Executive Director following a comprehensive leadership search process.

A native New Mexican and proud product of public education, Rivera brings extensive experience in charter school leadership, education policy, advocacy, and community engagement to the statewide organization supporting New Mexico’s public charter schools.

Rivera began her career as a middle school math teacher through Teach For America before serving at the New Mexico Public Education Department as a Policy Administrator, where she developed expertise in education policy, legislative affairs, and statewide systems change.

In 2018, Rivera founded and served as Executive Director of a high-performing New Mexico public charter school, leading the organization from startup through sustained academic success and growth. Through her work as a school founder, education leader, and statewide advocate, she has become a respected voice in New Mexico education policy and public charter school leadership.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jade Rivera as the next Executive Director of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico,” said Erik Bose, Chair of the PCSNM Board of Directors. “Jade’s





leadership, dedication to students, and commitment to New Mexico communities make her exceptionally well-positioned to guide our organization into its next chapter.”

As Executive Director, Rivera will oversee PCSNM’s statewide advocacy, member support, public engagement, and strategic partnerships as the organization continues working to strengthen charter school quality, growth, and autonomy across New Mexico.

“As a native New Mexican, it means so much to me to serve the students, families, and educators in the state that shaped me,” said Rivera. “I believe every child deserves access to a high-quality public education that meets their unique needs, and I’m honored to support the incredible work happening in charter schools across New Mexico.”

Rivera has also contributed her leadership to numerous nonprofit and community organizations throughout New Mexico, including the Hispano Philanthropic Society and Homewise.

Public charter schools across New Mexico serve more than 33,000 students in diverse communities throughout the state and provide families with innovative educational opportunities including STEM, arts integration, Montessori, college preparatory, project-based learning, dual language, and career-focused programs.

PCSNM would also like to thank Interim Executive Director Dr. Valery Ratliff-Parker for her leadership and support during this transition period.

About Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

PCSNM is the statewide nonprofit that supports and advocates for charter schools across New Mexico. We work to ensure that schools can protect their funding, preserve autonomy, and thrive while serving students and families statewide.

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