

Christine Duncan Heritage Academy
President's Report by Dr. Quiñones
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We are experiencing one of the most ominous events this nation has experienced. In New México, we are moving into the 7th - 8th week of schools being closed, with students receiving instruction via online lessons. The physical on-site classes will not resume for this academic year, in accordance with the state's response to this crisis. Such is the state of affairs. I commend school principal Jesús Moncada for working closely with local and State officials to keep as many non-certified staff working, for as long as possible and in accordance with State Statutes.

Governor Luján Grisham has extended the Stay-at-Home orders until May 16 for non-essential businesses and restricting the occupancy of businesses deemed essential. NM has done well (in comparison to other parts of the nation) in its response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, however, there is still a ways to go. In regards to the school closure, I am afraid that the pandemic may impact the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. We will be watching closely how the Covid-19 numbers develop in the coming weeks.

For this meeting, the Governing Council has one of the most important decisions that it makes to ensure the success of the school. This agenda item is the review/approval/disapproval of the 2020-2021 school budget. I wish to thank Mr. Ben Maes for his work and input regarding the preparation of the budget. Also, thank you to Ms. Beth Esquivel for her work with the minutes from March meeting. Thank you, everyone, for your patience and your hard work on behalf of the students and parents at CDHA.