
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO: SHIPROCK COMMUNITY FORUM

INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

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- Community forum hosted by University of New Mexico faculty to research community needs for indigenous education
- Hosted at SAO boardroom on April 11, 2018 at 12:30 and 3PM by Bilingual Education Department and College Academies
- Participants included tribal leaders, teachers, parents, students, Indian Parent Advisory Council, school and district administrators

PURPOSE

- The primary purpose of the community forums was to gain insight from parents, students and their families, educators, tribal leadership and members of the community on several areas of schooling for Native American students regarding:
 - Pre-K to 12 Impact on School Reform
 - Pre-K to 20 Pathway Efforts
 - Education Professional Preparation and Higher Education

CONTEXT: COMMUNITY FORUM LOCATIONS

- Native American Community Academy
- UNM in Albuquerque
- Gallup
- Pojoaque
- Laguna
- Torreon
- Ojo Encino
- Mescalero
- Shiprock
- Dulce

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY FORUMS

- What is your idea of a well-educated Native American as you think about your own children and/or students
- In your community, what do you expect from a well-prepared teacher?
- When you hear “educational success,” what does this mean to you? Or, what does this mean when you think of your community or your children?
- What are the challenges students in your community face getting into college and completing college?
- What has your experience and interactions with leadership in schools been and what changes are needed to be responsive to your children and community?
- What does being a healthy child and community member look like to you?

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LONG AND SHORT TERM GOALS

- Provide community forum summaries at on-site community sessions
- Develop guiding principles based on summit and forums
- Seek external funding to support projects to serve Native Nations in New Mexico
- Implement recommendations from summit and forums
- Disseminate findings to major stakeholders and policy makers



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PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH THUSFAR WAS PRESENTED TO SMALL GROUP FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

NEXT STEPS

- UNM faculty will return to Shiprock to present research findings and share information with our community: date to be determined