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**APS & NMPBS Launch APS @ HOME - Broadcasting Student Lessons During COVID-19 Crisis
Daily Supplemental TV and Web Lessons - Available 24/7 for K-5 Students**

-- State's Three PBS Stations To Simulcast Statewide Mon-Fri. Lessons to K-5 Students --



ALBUQUERQUE – In response to the novel coronavirus crisis that has resulted in the closures of all New Mexico public schools, New Mexico PBS (NMPBS) and Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) announce an ambitious and vital new broadcast initiative to support at-home learning for K-5 students and their families, by broadcasting a new weekday morning schedule of televised APS classes.

Beginning Monday, April 6, APS @HOME, will begin broadcasting from 8 a.m. - Noon weekdays on Channel 5.1, and posting educational programs on the APS YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/APSExpectGreatThings> .

APS @HOME will also be simulcast on the state's other PBS stations, KENW in Portales and KRWG in Las Cruces, benefiting children statewide.

APS @HOME will give kids in grades K-5 the chance to resume lessons in key topics, as determined by the school district.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS

8AM: Grades K-1 Fundamentals / English Language Arts Writing

9AM: English Language Development Bi-lingual

10AM: Grades 2-3 English

11AM: Grades 4-5 English

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

8AM: Grades K-1 Math/Science

9AM: English Language Development Bi-lingual

10AM: Grades 2-3 Math/Science

11AM: Grades 4-5 Math/Science

The daily lesson plans will be broadcast each day, and will then be available later for individual “on-demand lessons.” These supplemental learning videos feature Albuquerque Public Schools educators in short segments, supporting a variety of subjects and grade levels, including English language arts, math, visual and performing arts, physical education, and more.

These segments will also include a Sign interpreter in the lower left portion of the screen, making them accessible to the hearing impaired. Bilingual lessons are also available.

Distance learning has proven to be a challenge in New Mexico due to equity and accessibility issues. Not all households have access to digital devices, or the connectivity means to benefit from online learning.

“Our students are living through unprecedented times. There’s so much that’s out of our control right now. That’s why we have to do everything possible to meet the educational needs we can manage,” said APS Superintendent Raquel Reedy. “It may be a while before we can ensure every school-aged child has a laptop and Wi-Fi access, but we know most students have TVs in their homes. NMPBS is a familiar and trusted friend to most of us. We are grateful to extend continuous learning opportunities to students with assistance from America’s leading educational broadcast group.”

“Public television was born of a vision that television would be the world’s most powerful educational tool,” said Franz Joachim, General Manager and CEO, New Mexico PBS (NMPBS). “Today that vision still lives, as we return to our roots in educational television. Education has always been the root of who we are. And as part of both Albuquerque Public Schools and the University of New Mexico, education is essential to what we will always be. How could we not do this for New Mexico’s kids?”

Watch: Monday-Friday from 8am to Noon

New Mexico PBS (NMPBS)/KNME Channel 5.1 (Santa Fe/Albuquerque – Northern & Central New Mexico); KENW/Channel 3 (Portales – Eastern New Mexico); KRWG/Channel 22 (Las Cruces – Southern New Mexico)

Special thanks, to the APS educators who have gone above and beyond to make this APS @HOME service a reality. It's time for class – at least on TV. For more information about the programming schedule, please go to www.nmpbs.org or www.aps.edu .

Albuquerque Public Schools (APS)

Albuquerque Public Schools is among the top 40 largest school district in the nation and the largest in New Mexico, serving more than 80,000 students in 143 schools scattered across nearly 1,200 square miles. APS is the largest employer in Albuquerque, providing full-time jobs for more than 12,000 people including 6,000 teachers.

New Mexico PBS (NMPBS)

Celebrating over 60 years of service, NMPBS (KNME & KNMD-TV) serving New Mexico and the Navajo Nation, broadcasts a wide array of nature, history, current affairs, health, performance, children's, educational and entertainment programs. NMPBS produces NEW MEXICO IN FOCUS, COLORES! and a variety of specials. NMPBS operates 5 digital broadcast channels: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 9.1, and 9.2. NMPBS is co-licensed to the University of New Mexico (UNM) and Albuquerque Public Schools (APS). www.nmpbs.org

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