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Extended School Closure & Educator Licensure

The PED Licensure Bureau is still receiving mail every day and processing licenses. At this time, we do not anticipate extra delays in our normal processes.

Assessments for Licensure:

- Test centers in NM are currently closed. To support Educators who still need to test NMPED will make the following accommodations:
 - For alternative licensed teachers who are in their third year and still need to complete testing we will offer an extension for a 4th year
 - For educators just finishing a traditional program who are in needs of testing we will issue a 1CS license for these educators to allow them time to complete tests while working in the classroom

Licensure Renewal:

- This time of year is very busy with renewals and we know that getting a superintendents form to send in with an application may be a challenge for many of your educators.
 - Please send a weekly packet with the superintendent forms and the Licensure Bureau will match them to the educator's file

Dossier/OPAL:

- The portal is open for submissions and all of our reviewers are working diligently to get submissions reviewed within 72 hours. If an educator has a question about the dossier please have them send an email to licensureunit@state.nm.us for support. If an administrator needs support, please have them email jessica.green@state.nm.us for support.
- If you have an educator who was still collecting data for their submission and may not be able to meet the deadline for submissions during the current closures NMPED will make the following exceptions:
 - OPAL Candidates may request an extension to a 4th year, which will allow them to submit when the portal opens in July. If you have educators in this situation please send an extension request to Jenna Jaquez at jenna.jaquez@state.nm.us
 - NMPED will issue a 1 year extension for Dossier Candidates who have a license that is expiring in June of 2020, to allow them to submit when the portal reopens in July

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Division Director: Seana Flanagan:
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