Dear Parents,

As you know, your child will take lots of tests during their school years. Testing requirements have changed in recent years which, understandably, have led to some confusion. To help provide clarification, Albuquerque Public Schools Superintendent Winston Brooks and the Board of Education are hosting town hall meetings to help explain what tests students take, when they take them, how to prepare for them and how to evaluate their results. These include the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (SBA) as well as End of Course exams that are now required for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and to earn a high school diploma.

We encourage you to attend this informative meeting to get a better understanding of testing requirements as your child progresses through school. Meetings are from 6:30-8 on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 1**  Volcano Vista performing arts center (for Cibola and Volcano Vista clusters)
- **Thursday, Oct. 3** West Mesa performing arts center (for Rio Grande and West Mesa clusters)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15** Highland performing arts center (for Eldorado, Highland and Manzano clusters)
- **Thursday, Oct. 17** Valley performing arts center (for Albuquerque, Del Norte, Valley and Schools of Choice clusters)
- **Monday, Oct. 21** Atrisco Heritage performing arts center (for Atrisco Heritage cluster)
- **Monday, Nov. 4** La Cueva performing arts center (for Sandia and La Cueva clusters)