

# **ARTESIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

### **I. School Safety**

Safety of students, staff, and visitors is of utmost importance. We strive to provide the most effective means of prevention, intervention, and response through collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, regular training activities, sensible construction, and the effective use of technology.

Protocols set forth by the New Mexico Department of Health and Public Education Department will be strictly followed to protect the health of students, staff, and visitors.

### **II. Student Achievement**

Our educational system will meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of ALL students.

Standards-based teaching and learning are expected at all levels. Available assessments will be utilized to determine student levels, plan instruction, and monitor progress resulting in continuous improvement.

Priority is placed on providing students with an education balancing required core subjects with participation in activities, athletics, electives, and courses offering dual credit, advanced placement, and career readiness.

### **III. Support of Staff**

The teacher is the most influential factor in the education of students. The mission of all other staff members is to support the efforts of the teacher. All staff members will be provided the environment, resources, and training necessary to excel in their respective roles.

### **IV. Community Relations**

A mutually beneficial relationship has been established between the community of Artesia and the Artesia Public Schools. We realize our dependence on one another to assist students in acquiring and displaying admirable qualities and values. Our valuable partnerships with local foundations, industries, and city government enable us to provide valuable educational experiences for students that would otherwise not be possible. Together we are the City of Champions.

### **V. Capital Improvements**

Safe, inviting, and practical classrooms and facilities are essential for student and staff success. We take great pride in the care and maintenance of existing facilities, and new construction projects are completed according to the highest standards. Projects will be addressed according to the District Capital Improvements Priority List established by the current Facilities Master Plan.