

Update on the Pueblo of Isleta Elementary School

“Remember when the school was the center of our community? Everyone would meet there, talk about school and about what was going on in the village.” [Paraphrased from one of our Religious Leaders at the First Parent/Community Meeting, November 24, 2014]. We can make this happen again! But, we can’t do it alone ... we need your help and input.

The Isleta Elementary School Transition Team (IESTT) is moving forward and continuing to work hard at making your Pueblo of Isleta (POI) Elementary School a place where our children can learn—not just Reading and Math—but also our language and culture! Please see our web page on the Pueblo of Isleta web site (<http://www.isletapueblo.com/poi-elementary-school.html>).

The Educational Program Administrator (EPA), Principal and Governing Board positions have been advertised and we are getting some highly qualified applicants! Our plan is to have the EPA on board and working by the end of March. Then soon after, the Principal, the Governing Board and then the Teachers and school staff! What an exciting time for the Pueblo of Isleta!

So, what exactly does it mean that our school is now a “Trially Controlled Grant School?” Who will make all the decisions for the school? How will the school be different than it is now? Will the BIE still have control of how things are done at the school?

The answers to these questions and more will all be answered at our next community meeting. We will be having another community meeting in March—so please look for the flyers and announcements. Everyone is welcome to come and ask your questions, share your thoughts and ideas. But most of all, come and help make this the center of our community again! Her-kem and Ha-wu!