



HOBBS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

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Elementary
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to comment about our experience with the Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce. As an Elementary Fine Arts Program in the Hobbs Municipal Schools, we are proud of our new community partnership with the Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce under the strong leadership of Oscar Gonzalez and Juana Frazier.

The first major event of this partnership was when the Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce brought the Mariachi Christmas to Hobbs, New Mexico on December 18th 2009. After attending the performance in the morning I noticed three essential things:

First, the performance and audience participation was excellent. The students were actively engaged in what the performers were presenting to them. The narrator effectively framed the program around the different regions of Mexico and explained the traditions the Mexican Culture has brought to the United States in a way the students could understand. The performance in connection with the teacher resource guide that was provided, allowed our students to learn national and state academic standards in social studies, music, and dance on a very high level.

Second, I noticed as I stood at the door when the students were exiting the auditorium in a single file line, they were still singing "Feliz Navidad". If audience members are still singing the songs from the performance afterward, this is an intangible that you will see only when an event was a success.

Third, anytime we have a performance I always ask direct questions to some of the principals involved to gage the quality of the event. One of the principals said that this is by far the best thing that he has taken his students to in his career. I certainly noticed the large amount of student interest during the performance along with the ovation at the end that was deafening. These moments remind principals and teachers why they went into education: to make connections with students; to see the spark in a student's eyes when they realize that learning is fun; and to see students become more educated and empathic individuals as they learn about different cultures through storytelling, music and dance.

We are thankful to the Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in bringing this cultural event to our schools. We also value their willingness to partner with the Hobbs Municipal Schools and the Elementary Fine Arts Program as we provide comprehensive educational opportunities for Hobbs students so that they can become strong and tenacious adults in our 21st Century world.

Sincerely,

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