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As the discussions continue over the best methods to educate New Mexico's children, one school has risen above the debate and consistently proven it has the techniques, the teachers and the commitment to successfully prepare NM students for college and beyond.

While 34 percent of Albuquerque's schools received an F in the latest state report, there is an exceptional bright spot. **Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics and Science @ UNM once again earned an "A" on the state scorecard – as it has every year since report cards have been awarded.**

With 97.08/100 points, AIMS@UNM is the highest scoring "A" school of ALL elementary, middle, high and Charter schools in New Mexico. **NM State Scorecard is attached.**

In addition to the strong state scorecard performance, AIMS@UNM has received international acclaim. The PISA, Program for International Student Assessment, is a worldwide exam that measures over 540,000 15-year-olds in 72 countries.

Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science @ UNM charter school scored higher than the average of the highest scoring countries; Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, China and South Korea.

This is just the latest recognition that AIMS@UNM has garnered. The Washington Post named AIMS@UNM 42nd nationally in most challenging high schools. The US News Report ranked AIMS@UNM #1 in New Mexico, #83 out of 2,350 national charter schools and #314 in national high school rankings.

In recent state PARCC scores, AIMS@UNM achieved an astounding average 82% proficiency and an incredible average 85% proficiency in English. The student body makeup is 52 percent male and 48 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 51 percent and achieves a 94% graduation rate.

AIMS@UNM is currently trying to expand its footprint to other New Mexico communities, in particular Rio Rancho. Unfortunately the current political climate has placed obstacles in that path in the form of lawsuits, recognized legal judgements made and appeals being filed. At the heart of the issue is the improvement of our New Mexico kids' education.

While seeking a diverse student population and providing a rigorous academic curriculum that rivals the best programs in the country and across the globe, students at AIMS@UNM enroll concurrently at the University of New Mexico during their junior year and begin working on their college education while earning their high school diploma.

For more information visit <http://www.aims-unm.org/>.

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