

Indigenous Voice and Space in the Acequia & Land Grant Education Project

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The Acequia and Land Grant Education (ALGE) project is intended to convene educators, community leaders, and other key stakeholders to develop and provide recommendations to the public education department and higher education department on how to reshape New Mexico's educational system to include a culturally relevant curriculum that includes the topic of acequias and land grants. Such an endeavor cannot be undertaken without the voice of our Indigenous communities. The facilitation of this session will create a space for participants to provide recommendations specific to this project, consider the implications for local teacher preparation programs, and ponder their own future personal and professional roles in reference to this topic.

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