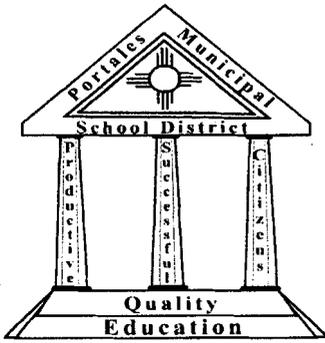


PORTALES MUNICIPAL SCHOOL

■ 501 S. Abilene ■ Portales, New Mexico 88130 ■
Phone (505)356-6641 Fax: (505)356-4377 ■ www.portaleschools.com



06262005



June 6, 2005

Anthony J. Principi, Chairperson
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va. 22202

The Honorable Chairman Anthony J. Principi,

The educational opportunities for Portales Municipal School District military dependent students are the primary concern for addressing this letter. We have 2829 total student enrollment with 120 students being military affiliated, which is approximately 4% of the total enrollment. The Portales Municipal School District is comprised of 51% Hispanic students, 46% Caucasian students and 3% other student population.

The Portales Municipal School District provides a K-12 comprehensive educational program that meets all New Mexico Public Education Department Standards. The high school curriculum is comprehensive ranging in scope from the basic fundamentals of language arts, math, social studies, and science/health, to modern languages, music, art, technology, and vocational education. Advanced placement courses are offered in language arts, math, science, and social studies. Expanded opportunities are available through a partnership with Clovis Community College, which includes concurrent enrollment and tech prep programs. Concurrent enrollment is also available through Eastern New Mexico University.

Our activity program is also comprehensive, offering students opportunities to participate in Athletics, Band/Choral, FFA, Drama, Art, FCCLA, Speech /Debate, Spanish, Student Council etc. Our performing arts choir received superior ratings and was asked to perform in a national competition at New York City. In addition, our students have been very successful in activity participation as a 4-A high school. Our girls' basketball and volleyball teams have gone to state competition the last seven years and received the state championship title in 2003 and 2004. The boys' basketball team was runner up for the 2005 state basketball championship. Our military dependent students have always been significant contributors to our success.

The Portales Municipal School District will provide all students a Quality Education.

PORTALES MUNICIPAL SCHOOL

■ 501 S. Abilene ■ Portales, New Mexico 88130 ■
Phone (505)356-6641 Fax: (505)356-4377 ■ www.portaleschools.com

Cannon Air Force Base is a vital part of the economy of Roosevelt County. The closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have a tremendous negative impact on our school system economically, staffing and quality student base. Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Mestas
Priscilla Mestas, Assistant Superintendent
Portales Municipal Schools