Mrs. Olivas-

I would like to voice my support of beginning a bilingual charter school like SABE in Rio Rancho. At the elementary level, there are schools that have bilingual programs but they are varied in scope and do not continue through all years of elementary. The lack of continuity hurts what the children are able to accomplish as bilingual students once they exit the bilingual program in elementary school.

To have a school that begins their bilingual program in Kindergarten and carries it through year by year until (eventually) 8th grade will allow those that want this opportunity, to be truly biliterate and no just bilingual. They will have a skill set that few could boast about, and will be productive members of society earning a good living because of the education they received at SABE.

I have three children of my own that I would send to this school in a heartbeat if it is given permission to be in Rio Rancho. There are those that may say that we already have bilingual programs in many of the elementary schools in the district, but they are not sufficient. Funds are lacking for our regular public schools to take on such a project as SABE is doing.
Please allow them to come to Rio Rancho to enrich our school system and allow for continued growth and achievement for our children.

Toni McRoberts