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## **US District Court Hearing Scheduled For Tuesday**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM-** The New Mexico Activities Association would like to announce that a hearing has been scheduled in US District Court (Albuquerque) on Tuesday, November 7 at 10:00 AM. Judge Judith Herrera will hear all pending issues regarding the lawsuit filed by 19 Las Cruces High School football parents against the NMAA and its Executive Director.

The NMAA can not release, post or officially adopt any preliminary or advisory seeding brackets for the 2006 Class 5A Football State Championships. The NMAA strongly believes that the restraining order issued by a Las Cruces judge on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> was improperly requested and granted. Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution, the NMAA will first ask a US District Court judge to throw out the restraining order before officially seeding the Class 5A football bracket.

While ten of the twelve teams are assured a playoff position due to their finish in district play, the outcome of the lawsuit could possibly affect the win-loss record of the Las Cruces High School football team. This could result in Las Cruces High School's ability to be considered as one of the two "at-large" teams.

The NMAA strongly believes that the enforcement of eligibility rules, which are voted upon and approved by their member schools, is crucial and essential to ensuring a level playing field for all student athletes.

For more information concerning this important issue, please contact Robert Zayas, NMAA Director of Communications, at (505) 977-5386.