

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 11

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 EXPRESSING A SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE VISION OF A HIGH-QUALITY  
12 PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM IN NEW MEXICO.

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14 WHEREAS, New Mexico's parents, children, educators and  
15 communities have come together to improve access to the high-  
16 quality public education that New Mexico's communities deserve;  
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18 WHEREAS, public education should be well-rounded and  
19 culturally relevant, with an emphasis on critical thinking and  
20 developmental skills; and

21 WHEREAS, a well-rounded public education system must  
22 embrace and promote learning opportunities through art, music,  
23 science, reading, mathematics, bilingual education and  
24 electives; and

25 WHEREAS, well-paid, highly qualified and experienced

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1 educators, who are focused on student-centered learning  
2 opportunities, are crucial to a successful public education  
3 system; and

4 WHEREAS, children should arrive at school healthy,  
5 motivated and inspired and should have access to high-quality  
6 early education; and

7 WHEREAS, children learn best in an environment that is  
8 compassionate and welcoming, and that promotes equity and  
9 collaboration among parents, educators and students; and

10 WHEREAS, the goal of a high-quality public education  
11 system requires fully funded safe schools that provide  
12 community-based wraparound services, including mental health  
13 services, health care, meal programs that address the  
14 nutritional needs of students, technology, after-school  
15 programs and necessary school resources, such as libraries and  
16 supplies; and

17 WHEREAS, the vision of a high-quality public education  
18 system encompasses well-maintained, inspiring classrooms and  
19 small class sizes to encourage and foster a strong student-  
20 educator relationship; and

21 WHEREAS, the success of this vision must acknowledge  
22 poverty as a systemic issue and requires broad policy action  
23 and courageous leadership aimed at promoting fair employment  
24 with livable wages and increased access to vital services;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the community vision and the need for  
2 a high-quality, inclusive and equitable public education system  
3 in New Mexico be recognized; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature renew its  
5 commitment to New Mexico students, families, educators and  
6 communities to focus resources and craft policies in a manner  
7 that moves New Mexico toward the shared vision of a high-  
8 quality public education for all; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to keep the promise for New Mexico's future.