

New Mexico School Superintendents Association

Presentation on School Reentry to the Legislative Education Study Committee

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As districts wrestle with the challenge of designing school reentry in these unprecedented times, the following three factors further complicate this task for superintendents:

- 1. A "one size fits all" approach to providing guidance to very diverse schools and communities;
- 2. An ever changing landscape, with new guidance and pronouncements daily or weekly; and
- 3. The struggle to understand PED's relationship with LEA's... Are we allies or adversaries?

The state's guidance fails to differentiate for diversity among district sizes and demographics.

Reentry is a moving target... and the constant uncertainty hinders proper planning.

The PED vacillates between Technical Assistance and Compliance/Enforcement

Bottom line: The state's 89 district superintendents remain committed to providing a safe reentry for all students and school staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to present today!