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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 71**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO**  
**IMPLEMENT A RESEARCH-BASED HIGH SCHOOL REFORM EFFORT.**

**WHEREAS, education is a critical element of a person's success and high school is the educational level that best prepares us for entering the work force; and**

**WHEREAS, a high school's performance in educating its students is directly related to preparation of students to enter high school; and**

**WHEREAS, performance at the post-secondary level depends heavily on the adequacy of the high school preparation of students;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public**

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1 education be requested to implement research-based high school  
2 reform to create a more proactive and responsive high school  
3 system; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effort involve the  
5 elementary, middle school and post-secondary institutions,  
6 building upon business education partnerships and professional  
7 development curriculum for a continuous improvement process  
8 involving youth in the process; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public  
10 education report its findings to the legislative education  
11 study committee by November 1, 2001; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction.