

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO REVIEW SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS.

WHEREAS, the legislature finds that students and school employees in New
Mexico have a right to safe and productive school environments; and

WHEREAS, the brutal murder of twenty-eight-year-old Carolyn Thurman
Rustvold while she was working late in her classroom at Montezuma elementary school
in Albuquerque has shaken the entire New Mexico school community's trust in the
safety of its schools; and

WHEREAS, the provision of safe and productive learning environments that will
ensure the safety of children and school employees must be a priority in New Mexico's
schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education and the state department
of public education be requested to review school safety plans to assess the ability of
the plans to ensure the safety of school employees and students during school hours
and at times other than normal school hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education study committee be
requested to conduct a review of school safety plans during the next legislative interim;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the
state board of education, the state department of public education and the legislative
education study committee.

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