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A JOINT MEMORIAL

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

WHEREAS, New Mexico's parents, children, educators and  
communities have come together to improve access to the  
high-quality public education that New Mexico's communities  
deserve; and

WHEREAS, public education should be well-rounded and  
culturally relevant, with an emphasis on critical thinking  
and developmental skills; and

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

WHEREAS, well-paid, highly qualified and experienced  
educators, who are focused on student-centered learning  
opportunities, are crucial to a successful public education  
system; and

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

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

1           WHEREAS, the goal of a high-quality public education  
2 system requires fully funded safe schools that provide  
3 community-based wraparound services, including mental health  
4 services, health care, meal programs that address the  
5 nutritional needs of students, technology, after-school  
6 programs and necessary school resources, such as libraries  
7 and supplies; and

8           WHEREAS, the vision of a high-quality public education  
9 system encompasses well-maintained, inspiring classrooms and  
10 small class sizes to encourage and foster a strong  
11 student-educator relationship; and

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

16           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the community vision and the need  
18 for a high-quality, inclusive and equitable public education  
19 system in New Mexico be recognized; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature renew its  
21 commitment to New Mexico students, families, educators and  
22 communities to focus resources and craft policies in a manner  
23 that moves New Mexico toward the shared vision of a  
24 high-quality public education for all. \_\_\_\_\_