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Dear Governor Martinez, Mr. David Abbey, and Mrs. Ramírez-Maestas:

The Public Education Department (PED) is pleased to enclose the *New Mexico PreK Program Annual Report for School Year 2012–2013*. This annual report fulfills the PED's responsibility under the statutory requirement of the PreK Education Act in relevant part as follows:

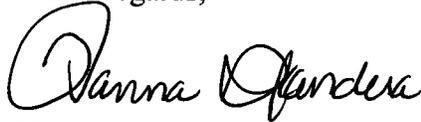
**32A-23-4. NMSA 1978. Voluntary pre-kindergarten; interagency cooperation; contracts; contract monitoring; research. (2005)**

- A. The children, youth and families department and the public education department shall cooperate in the development and implementation of a voluntary program for the provision of pre-kindergarten services throughout the state.
- D. The departments shall provide an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the progress of the state's voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

This report is a comprehensive compilation of data that describes the efficiency and the effectiveness of the PreK student program. The PED and the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) are collaborating to provide exemplary PreK services to students.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure that the PreK program increases student benefits and reduces costs through expanded risk-sharing. Consequently, this will provide an excellent PreK program that ensures all students in the program have access to a common set of benefits.

Warm regards,



Hanna Skandera  
Secretary of Education

Enc. (1): *New Mexico PreK Program Annual Report for School Year 2012–2013*

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