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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Legislative Education Study Committee

**FR:** Michael Bowers

**RE: COMMITTEE REQUEST: ANTI-OBESITY PROGRAM FUNDING**

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During the October interim meeting of the Legislative Education Study Committee, a committee member requested that the Public Education Department (PED) provide the allocation/distribution of a \$300,000 appropriation for anti-obesity programs.

In an email response, PED staff stated:

*"SB 165 of the 2008 Legislative session appropriated 300k for anti-obesity programs in school districts. An RFI (\$115,000) was released and three sites were funded:*

<i>South Valley Academy Charter School</i>
<i>Montessori of the Rio Grande Charter School</i>
<i>Roy Municipal Schools</i>

*\$45,000 was also placed in a contract with First Serve in order to provide a summer extra-curricular program to promote healthy food choices, youth self-discipline development, scholastic expertise, tennis proficiency, self-confidence and self-esteem. Five public schools in Santa Fe and one public school in Pojoaque participated.*

*The balance of funds supported School Health Advisory Council trainings across the state with an emphasis on obesity prevention, the School Health Education Institute's nutrition track, evaluation and general programmatic/administrative support."*