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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Legislative Education Study Committee

**FR:** Pamela Herman

**RE: COMMITTEE REQUEST: PED PLAN FOR AP AND PRE-AP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007**

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In response to a committee request at the June 2006 Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) meeting regarding the Public Education Department (PED) plan for delivering advanced placement (AP) professional development in school year 2006-2007 funded by an appropriation by the 2006 Legislature, attached is a document entitled "Plan for AP and Pre AP Professional Development for 2006-2007 RFP: \$542,000" received from PED.

In 2006, the LESC endorsed SB 105, *Public School Advanced Placement Initiatives*, to appropriate \$1.3 million to PED for FY 2007 to fund a program to expand AP participation in public schools around the state, as follows:

- \$700,000 to expand AP for nontraditional participants;
- \$300,000 for an AP summer institute;
- \$100,000 to expand AP opportunities for rural school students; and
- \$200,000 to expand AP teacher professional development.

The bill did not pass; however, HB 2, *General Appropriation Act of 2006*, included an appropriation of \$1.2 million to PED for advanced placement. The bill also included an appropriation of \$281,300 to New Mexico Highlands University for AP.

On July 17, 2006, PED issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Advanced Placement Professional Development. The Scope of Work in the RFP includes all of the activities itemized in the attached plan. The proposal due date is August 14, 2006.