

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2014 "TAKE BACK OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico's parents, children, educators and  
6 communities have come together to "keep the promise" for  
7 New Mexico's future by improving access to the high-quality  
8 public education that New Mexico's communities deserve; and

9 WHEREAS, all children deserve the promise of a bright  
10 future that is possible only with a great education; and

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, children learn best in an environment that is

1 compassionate and welcoming, and that promotes equity and  
2 collaboration among parents, educators and students; and

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

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

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2014 be declared  
20 "Take Back Our Public Schools Day" in the senate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to keep the promise for New Mexico's future. \_\_\_\_\_