

April 3, 2019

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 15

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

House Bill 5, PUBLIC EDUCATION CHANGES, as amended (“HB 5”), implements a number of critical reforms to the Public School Code and codifies important initiatives that will benefit New Mexico’s children. These changes include raising educators’ salaries and expanding the K-3 Plus school year program to K-5 Plus. In addition, the bill adjusts the public school funding formula to increase investments in schools with at-risk students, extended time learning programs, and rural locations. These directives are commendable and comport with my commitment to ensuring that New Mexico’s children are provided with skills necessary to succeed in postsecondary education or in the workforce.

Given this background, I have left HB 5 substantially unchanged. However, pursuant to Article IV, § 22 of the Constitution of New Mexico, I am making the following vetoes:

On page 32, line 5, I have vetoed the word “instructional”; and

On page 32, line 20, I have vetoed the word “instructional”.

These minor amendments to HB 5 will afford the Public Education Department with the flexibility necessary to effectively administer extended learning time programs. This will ensure that New Mexico schools will receive the full measure of benefits flowing from those initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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