

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO COLLABORATE ON
INCREASING THE USE OF NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN
PREPARING SCHOOL MEALS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the public schools purchase a large volume of
agricultural products for the purpose of providing meals for
students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers in New Mexico have a long
and proud history of raising high quality agricultural
products, including meat products, dairy products, chile,
fruits, nuts and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, increased use of New Mexico agricultural
products in meals prepared at public schools would expand
marketing and selling opportunities for New Mexico farmers
and ranchers; and

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1 WHEREAS, increased use of New Mexico agricultural
2 products in public school meals would allow students and
3 faculty at the schools an opportunity to enjoy meals prepared
4 with products raised in our own state; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1992, the legislature passed a memorial
6 requesting that the public schools increase the use of New
7 Mexico agricultural products for preparation of school meals;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, further work appears to be necessary to
10 evaluate procedures needed to implement this policy;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
13 education and the New Mexico department of agriculture be
14 requested to jointly collaborate to evaluate the
15 opportunities for the public schools to use New Mexico
16 agricultural products in preparing school meals; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and
19 the director of the New Mexico department of agriculture.
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