

April 5, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 65

The Honorable Richard Romero and
Members of the Senate
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 303, as amended, with emergency clause, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This legislation creates a new funding mechanism to promote parental involvement in our public schools. The bill provides encouragement to schools to promote school and community partnerships.

This proposal does not improve a school's fund-raising ability, and probably structures a system to reward schools that are already highly organized and able to raise money for specific needs.

The financial benefits to be gained are grants based on the ratio of the amount of money raised by the school and the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch.

This bill has little to offer creating a network of productive partnerships to improve our schools.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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