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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 44

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

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I hereby VETO and return HOUSE BILL 211, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

House Bill 211 proposes a timeline for the adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards for our K-12 students. The Public Education Department has already been working diligently to route the standards through the appropriate vetting process.

Additionally, such standards do not belong in permanent statute; the Public Education Department recommends review and adoption of standards in every academic content area on a six-year cycle. This legislation would make it more difficult to update science standards in response to scientific advancement in the future.

For these reasons, I hereby veto House Bill 211.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SMartinez".

Susana Martinez
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