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NMSSA/NMCEL Legislative Platform

2022 LEGISLATURE

Platform Parts

- Tools for recruiting and retaining quality educational personnel
- Assure flexibility for local decision-making to align with each community's educational needs
- Our priority is meeting the needs of NM students via financial solvency

Tools for recruiting and retaining quality educational personnel

- Sufficiently fund districts' ability to retain and compete for school personnel with other states in our region by maintaining and/or ensuring competitive salaries
- Modify the required sitout period for ERB Return to Work requirements to no more than ninety-one (91) days
- Establish an LEA portfolio option for teacher licensure for local education districts in lieu of Praxis testing requirements
- Ensure liability protections for LEAs and school personnel related to COVID

Assure flexibility for local decision-making to align with each community's educational needs

- Clearly delineate the authority of the Secretary of Education
- Establish remedies for districts when action supersedes his/her authority
- Ensure due process for suspension of local school board
- Allow districts to design and deploy the instructional program as best meets the needs of the local community including, but not limited to, the school calendar
- If districts choose to add instructional time, calculate such time on hours not days consistent with statutory minimum hours for regular calendar

Our priority is meeting the needs of NM students via financial solvency

- Protect SEG levels to align with pre-covid enrollment
- Fully fund the cost of transporting eligible bus riders to and from school
- Fund REC operations at \$3.5M annually
- Protect operational reserves* to help districts navigate unforeseen challenges
- Partner with LEAs in covering the cost of COVID leave mandated in HB2 if required
- Partner with LEAs in covering the cost of any increases to the employer and employee cost of equitable health care for school personnel (impact led to essentially zero raise for employees)
- Enhance and fund systems that support behavioral health

QUESTIONS?

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