



2025 Legislative Platform

Funding Equity for Charter Schools. New Mexico charter schools miss out on funding opportunities provided for other public schools. We must address these funding disparities for our schools, including small school size adjustment, at-risk funding that follows the school, and first-year transportation funding for charter schools.

Locally Authorized Schools as Their Own Boards of Finance. This bill would allow all locally authorized schools to apply for their own grants at PED and receive funding directly from the Department.

Additional Funding for the Public Charter School Revolving Loan Fund. We request an additional \$30m for the Charter School Revolving Loan Fund to provide this public funding opportunity to more schools. This would also serve as a solid foundation for the NMFA to apply for the Federal Facilities Grant.

Authorizer Reform. We request structural changes to our statewide authorizer to more efficiently make use of the 2% authorizing fees and align the authorizing structure with national best practice.

Serving Over-Aged Under-Credited Students Past the Age of 22. Students are enrolling in school more behind than ever. It's time to find a way to let students continue to make progress toward their high school diploma after the age of 22.

We support legislation that funds student support staff for the general student population, not just special education. The role that schools play in supporting students has expanded significantly over the last 20 years. More support staff for students such as social workers, counselors, therapists, nurses, librarians, career counselors are needed to appropriately meet the needs of students. The state should be incentivizing the hiring of such staff.

Fully fund insurance costs. We request that the NMPSIA, LFC and LESC coordinate appropriately so insurance premium increases are funded with formula funding.