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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 40

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO DIRECT
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND STAFF TO MEET WITH THE SAMBRANO MONITORING COMMITTEE,
PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THE RIO GRANDE CLUSTER SCHOOLS AND
RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH VALLEY TO DEVELOP A REVISED SAMBRANO
AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the United States department of justice entered
into a memorandum of understanding with the Albuquerque
public school district and parents and students of the Rio
Grande cluster schools in the south valley on October 5,
1987; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding is known as the
Sambrano agreement; and

WHEREAS, the living document has been used as a plan to
improve the south valley schools in Bernalillo county by

1 addressing issues of inequitable distribution of general
2 resources, inadequacy of libraries, lack of middle school
3 science facilities, disproportionate achievement scores,
4 curriculum, conditions of physical plants and community
5 involvement; and

6 WHEREAS, an addendum to the Sambrano agreement was
7 signed by the Albuquerque public school district and the
8 south valley community on August 21, 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district has made
10 progress toward adherence to the United States department of
11 justice's directives in the Sambrano agreement and its
12 addendum; and

13 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district
14 acknowledges that the academic achievement of students in the
15 south valley, while showing increases, has not increased to a
16 level that is acceptable to the school district or to the
17 families of the south valley;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
20 education require that the superintendent of the Albuquerque
21 public school district and staff meet with the Sambrano
22 monitoring committee, parents and students of the Rio Grande
23 cluster schools, residents of the south valley and the
24 original Sambrano agreement developers to:

25 A. review the district's activities toward
adherence with the agreement;

B. review the successes that are occurring in the

1 cluster schools;

2 C. review nationally recognized literature and
3 models that are showing success around the state and the
4 country; and

5 D. develop a new agreement based upon these
6 reviews; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent of the
8 Albuquerque public school district and the Sambrano
9 monitoring committee present the new agreement to the
10 Albuquerque board of education, the state board of education
11 and the Rio Grande community by December 15, 2000; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the
14 superintendent of the Albuquerque public school district,
15 representatives of the Rio Grande cluster schools and
16 Sambrano agreement committee and addendum committee members
17 by the superintendent of the Albuquerque public school
18 district.