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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH INPUT PRIOR TO MAKING MAJOR REGULATORY CHANGES AFFECTING THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, many education policy and regulation decisions of the state board of education are made without adequate consideration of costs to the school districts or the public benefit; and

WHEREAS, public and school district input is a valuable contribution to the creation of public school policy and regulations; and

WHEREAS, prior to making major regulatory changes, the state board of education should provide the public and the school districts with sufficient time and opportunity to submit input to the state board of education; and

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1 WHEREAS, good public policy demands that the public and
2 the school districts be informed about public school policies
3 and regulations so that they may provide their guidance to the
4 state board of education; and

5 WHEREAS, public and school district involvement in state
6 education policy and regulation additionally provides the
7 public and the school districts with an independent
8 understanding of the costs and benefits of various regulations
9 and whether the regulations originate with the state board of
10 education or from state statute;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education be
13 requested to seek the public's and the school districts' input
14 prior to making major regulatory changes affecting the state's
15 public schools; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education
17 resist enacting regulations that impose unfunded regulation
18 requirements upon school districts, unless the regulation
19 requirements stem from state statute; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education
21 give preference to the least costly and least burdensome
22 regulatory and paperwork requirements needed to accomplish
23 legislative and regulatory objectives; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education
25 base regulatory changes on the best scientific, technical and

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1 economic information that can be reasonably and affordably
2 obtained; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as a result of regulatory
4 changes, the state board of education provide school districts
5 with flexibility and encourage innovation in meeting the
6 regulatory requirements; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education
8 provide assessments of the costs and benefits of proposed
9 regulations, prior to enactment of the regulations, to the
10 public, the school districts and the legislature; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the state
12 board of education report all action taken with regard to this
13 memorial to the appropriate legislative interim committee
14 prior to the first session of the forty-sixth legislature; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 distributed to the president of the state board of education
17 and the chair of the appropriate legislative interim
18 committee.