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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING REPORT CARDS ON STUDENT HEALTH AND
FITNESS.
WHEREAS, the health and fitness of American children has
markedly declined over the years as children have become less
active and more obese, exhibiting poorer eating and nutrition
habits than their counterparts of a generation ago; and
WHEREAS, good physical health is critically important to a
child's mental health and ability to learn and achieve; and
WHEREAS, a study of a program implemented in Boston-area
schools showed that parents became more involved in trying to
help their overweight children lose weight when they were made
aware of the child's weight and fitness through school-issued
report cards; and
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WHEREAS, obesity is a national problem, and interventions during childhood and adolescence can help to prevent not only childhood obesity but also adult obesity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be requested to study the feasibility of implementing a statewide health and fitness report card program, with the goal of objectively measuring student weight and fitness levels, informing parents of those results and encouraging parents to actively work with their children to improve their weight and fitness levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education department report its findings and recommendations, if any, to the legislative education study committee prior to the first session of the forty-seventh legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public education and the director of the legislative education study committee.

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