

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET AT
3 LEAST QUARTERLY WITH DISTRICT LEGISLATORS AND OTHER PUBLIC
4 OFFICIALS.

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6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district is the
7 largest school district in the state and the thirty-first
8 largest in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, at least twenty-five percent of state public
10 school funding goes to the Albuquerque public school
11 district; and

12 WHEREAS, community engagement and accountability are
13 more difficult to achieve the larger a school district
14 becomes, and research shows that community engagement and
15 accountability are vital components of successful schools and
16 students; and

17 WHEREAS, over the last two decades, there have been
18 several calls by legislators and others to redistrict the
19 Albuquerque public school district into two or more smaller
20 districts, believing that smaller districts would be more
21 responsive to the communities and the needs of the students
22 they serve; and

23 WHEREAS, there is a significant disconnect among public
24 education policymakers within the school district, with local
25 legislators and other public officials often left in the dark

1 about policies that affect their constituents; and

2 WHEREAS, both the school board and the legislature
3 recognize that much more can be done to improve
4 communications and relations among local and state
5 policymakers, particularly among those policymakers who
6 represent the same constituents as the school board;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
9 Albuquerque school board, the local superintendent and local
10 legislators and other public officials in the school district
11 be requested to meet at least quarterly to discuss issues
12 facing the school district and strides the district has made
13 in improving graduation rates; truancy and drop-out rates;
14 test scores, particularly third-grade reading scores;
15 progress toward closing the achievement gap between students
16 of different races and incomes; improvements in other markers
17 of sustained academic growth of its students; efforts made to
18 improve community engagement and relations; and gains made in
19 improving school personnel job satisfaction and morale; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these quarterly meetings be
21 held in different areas of the school district and that the
22 specific concerns of the area's local legislator, city
23 councilor or county commissioner, as applicable, be
24 addressed; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the Albuquerque public school district board of
2 education, the local superintendent, legislators whose
3 districts are located wholly or partially within the
4 Albuquerque public school district boundaries, city councilors
5 and county commissioners and the secretary of public
6 education.

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