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Superintendent Raquel Reedy
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Dear Superintendent Reedy:

Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) was required to submit a plan for Hawthorne Elementary School ("Hawthorne") to the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) for the Champion & Provide Choice school turnaround designation by the deadline of Friday, May 11, 2018. NMPED received your correspondence on that date, but no formal plan was submitted as required by New Mexico's federally-approved State Plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

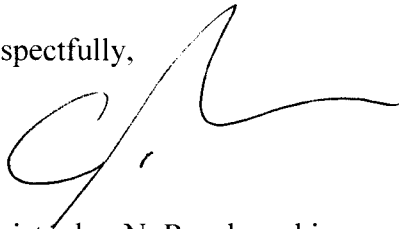
The plan submitted must directly address the series of conditions outlined in the letter provided by NMPED on April 27, 2018, wherein NMPED selected the More Rigorous Intervention (MRI) of Champion & Provide Choice for the students and families of Hawthorne. The updated application for this More Rigorous Intervention must be completed, reviewed, and state-approved—it is attached as part of this correspondence. If state-approved, APS could receive up to \$2 million in federal funding to support students, parents, and families.

We urge APS to move forward with this determination and plan submission promptly. **Please complete the Champion & Provide Choice application no later than Wednesday, May 30, 2018.** NMPED will select immediate School Closure if there is no state-approved plan on file.

Given NMPED's selection of this option, Hawthorne will close at the end of the 2020-2021 school year unless the school earns a "C" grade or better in the 2017-2018, 2018-19, and 2019-20 school years. This opportunity is also contingent upon clear evidence that APS has met all requirements of the state-approved Champion & Provide Choice district plan, which would include clear and substantial data that student enrollment has grown at other higher-performing schools. However, if the school earns a 7th consecutive "F" at the end of the 2017-18 school year or earns an "F" at the end of the 2018-19 school year, an updated School Closure plan must be

submitted within one month of earning that mark, and the school shall close at the end of the subsequent year.

Respectfully,

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