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May 22, 2018

Superintendent Raquel Reedy  
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Dear Superintendent Reedy:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 18, 2018. The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) would like to express its enthusiasm regarding the prospects of your *Significantly Restructure & Redesign* plan for the students of Whittier Elementary School ("Whittier"). Once state-approved, NMPED will arrange meetings, establish monitoring protocols, and begin the process of distributing approximately \$2 million for Whittier—with significant oversight by NMPED and accountability throughout the implementation period.

By the signature of the Superintendent of the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) below, APS hereby agrees to all terms of the conditional approval letter provided on April 27, 2018 as modified and clarified by the additional letter provided by NMPED on May 15, 2018—which was provided in response to requests made by APS. Correspondence provided by NMPED shall be affixed to the final plan submission and thus be considered incorporated into the plan in-full.

APS specifically acknowledges and agrees to school performance criteria provided and updated by NMPED in the state's correspondence, which outlines the pattern of school performance that will lead to successful exit from More Rigorous Intervention (MRI) status, or school closure: If Whittier earns two more consecutive "F" grades in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, then the federal grant allocation for 2019-20 and 2020-21 will be withheld and repurposed for School Closure during the 2019-20 school year. If the school earns a combination of "D" and "F" ratings over the next three academic years, the school shall close at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Whittier must earn at least three "C" grades or better during the next four school grading periods, which could include 2017-2018, if the district so chooses, in order to successfully exit MRI status.

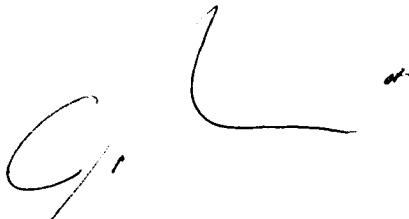
If any state-approved strategy, element and/or activity outlined in the Whittier plan is not implemented with fidelity, quality, and on-schedule, NMPED reserves the right, as determined

within its sole discretion, to suspend some or all of the allocated funding, and also reserves the right to select another MRI school turnaround option for Whittier, as outlined in previous correspondence from NMPED to APS that is hereby incorporated into your plan.

In the days ahead, NMPED anticipates providing a letter of state approval and beginning to disburse the \$2 million in turnaround support, pending APS commitment without reservation, and APS commitment to forge ahead with this plan for the students of Whittier.

We ask APS to provide signature below by Friday, May 25, 2018 on behalf of Whittier and the district, accepting the terms and conditions in full so that NMPED may review and approve the district's plan under the district-selected option of Significantly Restructure & Redesign. NMPED is aware that changes to federal or state policy, or duly entered decisions by the judiciary, may result in amendments or modifications to the district plan, which would need to be submitted by APS and reviewed by NMPED for consideration.

The parties, as acknowledged by their signatures appearing below, agree to the above in-full on behalf of their respective educational agencies, without reservation.



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Christopher N. Ruszkowski  
Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED)

Date: May 22, 2018

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Raquel Reedy  
Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools (APS)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_