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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Superintendents, Charter School Directors, and District Test Coordinators
FROM:	Gwen Perea Warniment, PhD, Deputy Secretary
RE:	Reimagining a New Mexico Summative Assessment System

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) is holding a series of statewide community conversations to solicit public input on improved ways to measure student success and a reimagined Summative Assessment System for New Mexico. <u>Dates, times, and locations of these conversations can be found here</u>. Two attachments have been provided to assist you in communicating to educators, parents, and community members.

The feedback gathered from these conversations will be included in a Statewide Assessment Transition Report that will be published in two phases by a statewide Student Success Task Force. In Phase 1, the task force will make a recommendation for the mathematics and English language arts (ELA) assessment for Spring 2020. Phase 2 is the long-term discussion of what our assessment system will look like beyond 2020.

Nominees to the task force are welcomed from a range of professional interest (e.g., educators, university faculty, non-profits, other state agencies, RECs, business). <u>Nominations can be made here</u>. Appointments will be made by April 10, 2019.

For questions, please contact the Director of Assessment, Lynn Vasquez, at Lynn.Vasquez@state.nm.us.

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- Enc. (2): Dates, times, and locations of community conversations Re-envisioning New Mexico's Statewide Assessment System fact sheet
- Cc Secretary Designate, Dr. Karen Trujillo Deputy Secretary, Dr. Timothy Hand Deputy Secretary, Kara Bobroff Deputy Secretary, Kata Sandoval Chief of Staff, Daniel Manzano