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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and State Charter Leaders

FROM: Dr. Ryan Stewart, Secretary
Dr. Gwen Perea Warniment, Deputy Secretary for Teaching, Learning and Assessment

RE: K-5 Plus and K-12 Plus Pilot Programming for School Year 2020-2021

The New Mexico Public Education Department will run two versions of the K-5 Plus Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Primarily, funding is available via the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) to support traditional K-5 Plus programs that meet all requirements per *New Mexico State Statute 22-13-D*. Applications for the traditional K-5 Plus Program are available on the PED website and accompany this communication..

In addition, districts and schools are encouraged to apply for pilot funding by designing programs that leverage flexibilities outlined in the attached pamphlet and K-12 Plus *Pilot* Application. This funding is intended to support creative approaches that better fit the needs of communities with large Native American populations or rural districts across New Mexico. In addition, pilot programs can also support districts and schools as they ramp up to traditional, robust implementation. Funding for these pilot programs will be based on a Request for Reimbursement (RFR) process, as the allocation does not run via the SEG. Applications for the K-12 Plus Pilot Program are available on the PED website and accompany this communication as well.

Importantly, both the traditional and pilot programs are funded using the same factor of 0.3 x Unit Value x MEM. This fiscal year, if 80% of students meet the teacher cohort requirement, 100% of participating students are funded. Students must attend half of the days listed in the program (i.e. 12.5 days out of the 25) to count toward participation.

For more information, please see the attached pamphlet, and do not hesitate to reach out to Deputy Secretary Warniment at gwen.warniment@state.nm.us or Severo Martinez at severo.martinez@state.nm.us.

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Enc: (K-5+ and K-12+ Pilot Pamphlet)

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