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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Superintendents, Charter School Directors, Chief Financial Officers & Business Managers

**FROM:** Deputy Secretary Dr. Gwen Perea Warniment, Teaching, Learning & Assessment  
Deputy Secretary Katarina Sandoval, Academic Engagement & Student Success

**RE: K- 5 Plus & Extended Learning Time Program FY21**

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Thank you for your patience as we finalized a decision regarding the status of the K-5 Plus Program and the Extended Learning Time Program (ELTP) for FY21. We recognize and appreciate that many districts and charter schools across our state were planning to participate in one or both of these programs in FY21.

Unfortunately, the Public Education Department (PED) is canceling both programs for this summer. This also includes canceling K-12 Plus Pilot Programs. Given the uncertainty of COVID-19 and its possible effects on public health this summer, it would be difficult to meet program requirements, which include students remaining with same teacher during the regular school year and participation-based funding, while adhering to public health requirements. The safety of our students and educators is our first priority.

Please note this affects only ELTP programs scheduled to run between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. If you have a Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) in place for ELTP programs scheduled to occur from now until June 30, 2020, you should continue per your CLP and hold these programs, since they will be held virtually and have already been funded in FY20.

The PED recognizes how important it is to provide opportunities for students to receive additional instruction, and as we head into the special session, the department will work with the Legislature to determine what, if any, options for extended school year may be available that can be conducted in a safe manner. Depending on the outcome of these conversations and funding appropriated in the special session, it is possible that some form of extended school year programming may be available for summer of 2021. We will likely have more clarity about this after the special session concludes.

We understand this decision will have a financial impact on your budget for FY21. Please note Deputy Secretary Delgado and his team will readjust your budgets appropriately, and your budget analyst will work with you closely during this process.

PED staff are also available to provide technical assistance during this time. Please email Feliz Garcia at [FelizE.Garcia@state.nm.us](mailto:FelizE.Garcia@state.nm.us) if you have any questions regarding ELTP adjustments. For any K-5 Plus program questions, please email Severo Martinez at [Severo.Martinez@state.nm.us](mailto:Severo.Martinez@state.nm.us).

Thank you again for your continuous support and efforts to provide these programs to your students. Please feel free to contact us for further questions.

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