



# TEACHER *to* TEACHER

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## SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE EDITION

# 2021 Legislative Advocacy Toolkit

Are you curious about matters up for discussion during this legislative session? Eager to connect with your representatives or offer public comment? Do you simply want to stay informed? The following links and information can help.

The N.M. Legislative Session: January 19 to March 20

## Where do I start?

**Step 1:** [Identify your legislators](#)

**Step 2:** [Get familiar with proposed legislation](#)

**Step 3:** [Make a plan to advocate](#)

## Stay informed with NMPED session updates

Get all of the information you need about proposed legislation and NMPED priorities from the [Policy Matters Newsletter](#).

- Follow the NMPED on Facebook and Twitter for updates
- Be sure to check your email or the [Educator Portal](#) for updates.

## Helpful Links

- [All committee hearings and floor sessions are webcast live here](#)
- [Watch a tutorial on how to find your legislator](#)
- [Watch this video tutorial on how to track legislation](#)
- [NMPED Policy Information](#)
- [New Mexico Sunshine Portal for Transparency and Accountability](#)
- [How to Write an Op-Ed or Column](#)
- [Advocate for Education: How to Publish Your Opinions](#)
- [Citizen's Guide to Legislative Advocacy in New Mexico](#)
- [Senate Education Committee Information](#)
- [House Education Committee Information](#)
- [See examples of teacher op-eds from Teach Plus](#)

## Who are our legislators?

[Meet the N.M. Senate](#)

[Meet the N.M. House](#)

## Ways to Use Your Teacher Voice ...

- Call or text your legislator
- Email a form letter
- Send a personal email
- Write a handwritten letter
- Write an op-ed about an issue
- Give public comment in a committee meeting by raising your hand in the Zoom platform (\*You generally have 2 minutes)
- Submit public comment via email  
\*Each committee chair decides how public comment is received. There is no public comment for floor sessions.

## Virtual Roundhouse

[Try out this platform for engaging during the session.](#)

- Get access to legislators
- Attend conferences and presentations
- Network
- Attend virtual office hours with legislators

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