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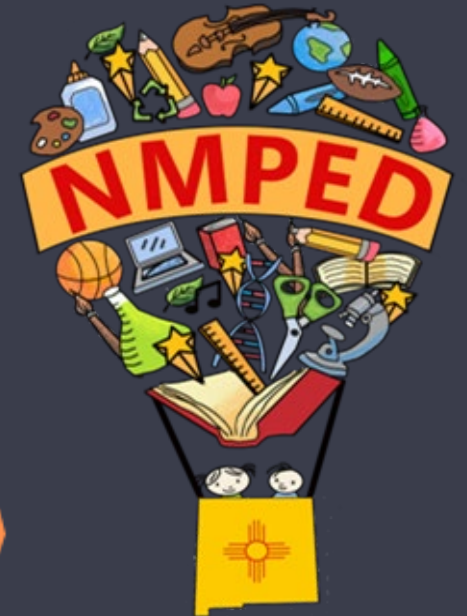
# Public Education Department

*Class Sizes, Teacher Supports, and Quality of Instruction*

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# Class Size

## Class Load Limits in Elementary School

- Research shows that student and staff outcomes improve with smaller class sizes. This strategy is particularly effective for elementary and at-risk students.
- Concerns have been raised about how a change in class size limits would be effective given the current number of teachers and available classrooms, and the cost to provide for both.
- A staggered approach provides a solution, with implementation that includes a phased in approach for elementary schools. For example, one grade level per year over six years.

# Supporting Educators and Instruction

## Clinical Practice

- Paid student teaching
- Teacher residencies
- Principal residencies

## Educator Fellows

## Beginning Teacher Mentorship

- LIFT, LAUNCH

## School Leader Preparation Program

- LEAD, THRIVE, RISE, SOAR

# Summer Reading Program

The New Mexico Summer Reading Program is a statewide instruction and intervention program that will support students from incoming kindergarteners through outgoing eighth graders.

## New Mexico Summer Reading Program

### Daily Enrollment Program Update 6/7/24



Number of Students Enrolled

**9362**

(Need to finalize student numbers from sites)

Number of Instructors Applied

**2775**

(5/29 /24 No longer accepting instructors)

Number of Sites

**117**

Percentage towards goal  
of 10,000

**94%**

Percentage towards goal  
of: 2500

**111%**

Participating Entities

(some have multiple sites)

**28 Districts, 15 Charter Schools,  
15 Community Partners,  
3 Colleges and Universities,  
and 7 Tribal Schools**



# Insurance

In March, the New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority announced anticipated premium increases of:

- 31.86 percent for risk coverage and 15.53 percent for medical benefits.

In May, the Public Education Department (PED), Department of Finance and Administration, New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority, and Legislative Finance Committee, collaborated to pass an amended rate increase of:

- 14.99 percent for risk and 10 percent for health benefits.

The risk increase will go into effect July 2024.

The medical increase will go into effect October 2024.

# State Equalization Guarantee – Unit Value

The State Equalization Guarantee (SEG), otherwise known as the funding formula, is the amount of money the State of New Mexico guarantees to provide to a district to cover the costs of specific programs. The PED administers the SEG and determines the initial and final unit values each year as a method of distribution.

| School Year | Initial Unit Value | Final Unit Value   | Percent Change from Previous Year |
|-------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2022-2023   | \$5,450.92         | \$5,522.50   | 13.6%                             |
| 2023-2024   | \$6,241.67         | \$6,241.67   | 13.0%                             |
| 2024-2025   | \$6,553.75*        | <i>The final unit value will be set by January 31, 2025.</i> | 5.0%                              |

\* The initially proposed unit value for the 2024-2025 school year was \$6,442.55, which would have been a 3.2 percent increase from the previous year.

# Legislative Considerations

Legislation to phase in smaller class sizes

Requirements for educational leadership preparation programs, new licenses for teachers and leaders, and continuing education units

Support for legislation regarding insurance

## **Public School Support**

- School Improvement and Transformation
- Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Initiatives
- Bilingual Multicultural Education Act, Black Education Act, Hispanic Education Act, Indian Education Act

# Thank you!

## Questions?

