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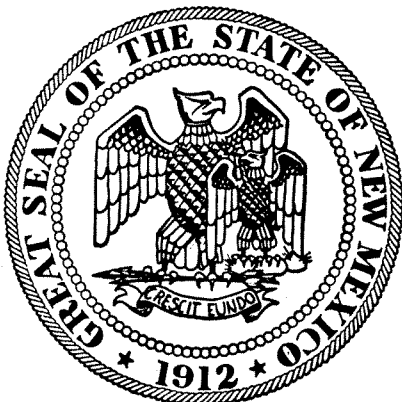
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HOUSE MEMORIAL 21

Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE RICK MIERA AND REPRESENTATIVE DANICE PICRAUX



1 A MEMORIAL

2 ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO INCREASE
3 TEACHER-PARENT COMMUNICATIONS, PROVIDE INCREASED SECURITY AND
4 HEIGHTEN COMMUNITY PRIDE AND RAPPORT BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
5 OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS.
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7 WHEREAS, school, community and family are inextricably
8 joined and must work closely together for the benefit of every
9 child and every community; and

10 WHEREAS, collaborative working relationships with
11 schools, the business community, social service agencies,
12 government agencies, faith-based organizations, civic groups,
13 neighborhood associations and post-secondary educational
14 institutions increase parent involvement and student academic
15 achievement to ensure an overall high quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
17 schools and the city of Albuquerque have worked together for a
18 number of years on a community education model that would
19 combine resources from public and private sources to serve the
20 educational needs of all members of a community; and

21 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
22 schools and the city of Albuquerque approved resolutions to
23 form a community schools partnership and to set forth
24 principles, alternative approaches and a scope to accomplish
25 the mission and goals of a community education program; and

1 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
2 schools and the city of Albuquerque jointly participated with
3 the Albuquerque business education compact in a 2005 study
4 with high-level executives and staff members to clarify the
5 options and steps required to implement community schools
6 within the Albuquerque public school system; and

7 WHEREAS, the community schools approach recognizes that
8 only about twenty-two percent of a child's life until ten
9 years of age is spent in school and that conditions within the
10 family, neighborhood, among peers and within the larger
11 community affect young people's motivation to learn and be
12 successful in school; and

13 WHEREAS, the character of family life, family income,
14 stability, peer and family drug and alcohol use, mental
15 health, nutrition, housing, neighborhood crime, gangs, the
16 educational level of family members and the importance family
17 members place on learning all have an impact on learning; and

18 WHEREAS, over fifty leaders from community schools in
19 Albuquerque were interviewed, and their responses contained
20 important guidance for implementing community schools; and

21 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
22 schools and the city of Albuquerque, along with the
23 Albuquerque business education compact, reviewed ten national
24 and international models of community schools nationwide; and

25 WHEREAS, the community schools task force recognized

1 that implementing community schools would require a
2 significant commitment of staff and financial resources by
3 Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools, the city of
4 Albuquerque and the state's private foundations; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
6 schools, the city of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque business
7 education compact have each made a one-time contribution of
8 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to fund the start-up
9 costs and initial operations of the community schools
10 partnership; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
12 schools and the city of Albuquerque approved a joint powers
13 agreement to achieve administrative efficiency in the funding
14 of programs by the establishment of the community schools
15 partnership; and

16 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
17 schools and the city of Albuquerque request a significant
18 commitment of staff and financial resources from the state of
19 New Mexico to implement the community schools effort;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
22 commit staff and financial resources to implement the
23 community schools effort; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the superintendent of the Albuquerque public

1 schools and to the members of the legislative education study
2 committee.

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