



## Children in rural New Mexico should have the opportunity to graduate ready for college, career, and to pursue their dreams.

Regional Educational Cooperatives (RECs) are a collaborative network of educational agencies striving to ensure that all New Mexico children, families, schools, and communities receive high quality education and health services.

RECs are a critical part of the education ecosystem in New Mexico, particularly for rural school districts.

As one of the most culturally, linguistically and ethnically diverse states in the country, every New Mexico teacher must attain an understanding and basic ability to engage with students of many backgrounds.

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School districts currently do not have sufficient support to implement effective bilingual and multicultural education and teachers receive little professional development in culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy.

It is critical that the state invest in RECs to ensure that statewide, our educators have the tools, training, and support to be effective in the classroom, across all parts of the state.

HB 221 will:

- Provide funding for 2019 legislation that builds the capacity for RECs to provide professional development for educators on culturally and linguistically responsive instruction.
- The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) would provide guidance on high quality professional development and monitor implementation and effectiveness.

*\*Appropriation: \$2.6 million new, recurring funding.*

### **Platform for Action**

To transform education for our students and meet the constitutional mandates, New Mexico must take action to create a sufficient and equitable education system. A Platform of Proposed Remedies and associated proposed legislation were developed by the Transform Education NM coalition, with the involvement of hundreds of educators, students, parents, tribal and community leaders, and experts.

Find the full platform at [transformeducationnm.org/our-platform/](http://transformeducationnm.org/our-platform/)



Transform Education NM is a coalition of education, tribal and community leaders advancing a new vision for our public education system in New Mexico.

**Our platform is endorsed by:** College Horizons, Dual Language Education of NM, Native American Community Academy (NACA), NACA Inspired School Network (NISN), Learning Alliance NM, National Education Association NM (NEA-NM), New Mexico Association for Bilingual Education (NMABE), New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, New Mexico Voices for Children, Keres Children’s Learning Center, Coalition for the Majority, Native American Budget & Policy Institute, New Mexico Education Action Alliance, CHI St. Joseph’s Children, NGAGE NM, NM Dream Team/United We Dream, Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP), The Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institute, The Sun Project, Educators Rising, Albuquerque Interfaith, and Partnership for Equity & Education Rights (PEER).