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2020 Proposed Legislation to #TransformEducation in New Mexico

New Mexico must take action to create a sufficient and equitable education system. Each year, a Platform of Proposed Legislative Remedies are developed by the Transform Education NM Coalition, with the involvement of hundreds of educators, students, parents, experts, and tribal and community leaders. Below are bills that are endorsed by the Transform Education NM Coalition.

Find the full Platform at <https://transformeducationnm.org/our-platform/>

A Multicultural, Equitable Foundation

At the core of a sufficient and equitable education is multicultural and multilingual learning that responds to the cultures, language and heritages of all New Mexico students.

Biliteracy Framework Study

HB 199 // Sponsored by Representative Tomás Salazar

Evidence based literacy programs are essential to New Mexico students succeeding in school and in life, and with the right dual language and biliteracy initiatives, a majority of NM students could become proficient in two languages. This bill would create and fund a working group to study potential statewide biliteracy framework models that would ensure that all New Mexico children have access to culturally and linguistically relevant education.

American Indian Student College Readiness Program

HB 136 // Sponsored by Representative Derrick Lente

This bill creates a statewide college readiness program for Native American high school sophomore and junior students focused on supporting them through selecting an institution of higher education and through the application, admission, and transition processes.

Bilingual Multicultural Educational Program

HB 153 // Sponsored by Representative Christine Trujillo

75% of our students are Hispanic or Native American and more than a third speak a language other than English at home. These are assets that should be celebrated and invested in. But for decades, our education system has failed to meet its own standards under the Indian Education Act, Hispanic Education Act, and the Bilingual Multicultural Education Act. This bill would increase Bilingual Multicultural Education Program funding from 0.5 to 1.0, as well as require more rigorous reporting and accountability measures to ensure funds are spent on students in the classroom.

Cultural & Linguistic Education Support

HB 221 // Sponsored by Representative Tomás Salazar

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. This bill would provide funding for 2019 legislation that builds the capacity for RECs to provide professional development for educators on culturally and linguistically responsive instruction.

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Social Service Programs

Students do best when their health and nutritional needs are met, and they have the time and opportunities to learn.

Task Force on Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis

HB 127 // Sponsored by Representative Raymundo Lara

Integrated social services must be provided as a standard requirement of an adequate education. Community schools, school-based health centers, counseling and social workers - all are successful strategies to ensure student success, yet only a fraction of New Mexico students have access to these and similar services. This bill would generate a comprehensive report on gaps in social services and map out the best path forward to ensure that social and health services are available to all students.

Funding

Public education has been underfunded in New Mexico for decades. It is imperative that the state dramatically increase funding to ensure that students have equitable opportunities to be successful.

Funding Pre-K, Special Education, and At-Risk

HB 2 // General House Appropriation Act

An investment in our youngest students is an investment in our future. Students who attend Pre-K programs have higher academic achievement outcomes, are less likely to repeat grades or be placed in remedial classes, and are more likely to graduate from high school. It is critical that HB 2 appropriate sufficient funding to expand access to high quality, full-day Pre-K for all 3 and 4-year-olds. It is also critical that New Mexico increase Special Education funding to provide better services to our diverse student body.

Funding to Improve Education Outcomes

HB 134 // Sponsored by Representative Derrick Lente

This bill makes appropriations to state institutions of higher education and tribal colleges to improve educational outcomes for Hispanic and Native American students across the state.

Funding for Yazzie Lawsuit Responses

HB 138 // Sponsored by Representative Derrick Lente

This bill makes appropriations to New Mexico Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos to respond to the consolidated Yazzie/Martinez court remedies.

Native American Projects

HB 137 // Sponsored by Representative Derrick Lente

For students and families to succeed, access to reliable internet and other education and early childhood education resources are absolutely necessary. By funding libraries and Education Resource Centers on tribal lands, we can ensure that ALL students have sufficient educational opportunities.