



RESOLUTION 2012/13-22

Board of Education
Linda M. Trujillo, President
Steven J. Carrillo, Vice President
Lorraine T. Price, Secretary
Glenn Wikle, Member
Susan Duncan, Member

Early Childhood Task Force

1 WHEREAS the vision of the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education (BOE) is that each student will be
2 prepared to take advantage of lifelong learning opportunities; and
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4 WHEREAS BOE strategies to realize this vision include (1) creating an environment that raises expectations
5 and promotes high academic performance of all students and (2) developing a culture of shared responsibility
6 for student success by engaging families and the community; and
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8 WHEREAS the BOE, as part of the 2012 Strategic Plan, adopted an outcome goal to expand public-private
9 opportunities to increase the number of students participating in pre-k from 350-540 students within five-
10 years; and
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12 WHEREAS this goal was adopted because the BOE agrees with the wealth of longitudinal studies that find
13 children exposed to high-quality early education are less likely to drop out of school, repeat grades, or need
14 special education, compared with similar children who have not had such exposure; and
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16 WHEREAS Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) are currently serving 363 pre-k students, of which 128 are funded
17 by the State of New Mexico through special education appropriations; and
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19 WHEREAS there are local and national organizations, such as the United Way of Santa Fe and the Brindle
20 Foundation, that are interested in partnering with the SFPS to expand birth -pre-k opportunities for our
21 community; and
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23 WHEREAS the BOE believes that policy and program decisions must be based on evidence based research, best
24 practice and budgetary capacity rather than pieced together with no defined outcome; and
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26 WHEREAS there is not a comprehensive long-term plan for expansion of pre-k programs within the SFPS.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education that the
29 Superintendent shall form a task force to develop a long-term plan for the expansion of pre-k programs and
30 services.

ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2013

Attested by:

Linda M. Trujillo
Board of Education President
Santa Fe Public Schools

Lorraine T. Price
Board of Education Secretary
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