



RESOLUTION 2012/13-11

Equalizing the State's Funding Formula

Board of Education
Frank Montano, President
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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico's funding formula was established to provide equitable public education funding;
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4 WHEREAS, some components of this formula do not effectively reflect the incremental cost difference of
5 serving at-risk students, nor do these components result in a fair allocation funding based upon these
6 differences; and

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8 WHEREAS, public school funding is equalized for all districts at the state level through a formula which
9 does not account for the differences in local economic factors among the state's various urban, suburban and
10 rural communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, the at-risk factor recognizes that at-risk students, defined as those who have a greater risk of
13 performing poorly in school or dropping out of school, may require additional resources to meet their needs,
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16 WHEREAS, the at-risk factor increases per pupil funding for every school district in the state.

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18 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Mexico School Board Association requests that the State
19 Legislature amend the public school funding formula to ensure efficient allocation of resources aligned with
20 recent education policy; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Legislature should adjust the at-risk index to provide for a
23 cost differential for students identified as eligible for the free and reduced-price lunch program;

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state legislature should adjust bilingual funding to provide for a
26 cost differential towards ELL students statewide;

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Legislature should equalize the public school funding
29 formula by accounting for the differences in local economic factors among the state's various urban,
30 suburban and rural communities.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2012

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Attested by:
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