

Legislative Update, February 9, 2017

[Take action! Follow this link to contact the chairs of the Finance Committees and your legislators with the message of no cuts to Public Schools](#)

Tomorrow the following legislation will be heard in committee please contact committee members with our positions on bills. The list of bills and our positions are below:

House Education Committee This link takes you to committee members contact information

STEPHANIE GARCIA RICHARD, CHAIR

Friday, February 10, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 309

[HB 184](#) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS-No Position

[HB 185](#) LIMIT STATEWIDE SCHOOL TESTING DAYS-Support

[HB 187](#) ENMU-ROSWELL SPECIAL SERVICES DEPT.-No position

[HM 9](#) MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PREPAREDNESS-Support

[HM 15](#) ALLOW SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACCELERATION-Support

House Taxation and Revenue Committee This link takes you to committee members contact information

JIM R. TRUJILLO

Friday, February 10, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 317

[HB 132](#) MOBILITY LIMITATION LICENSE PLATE-No Position

[HB 282](#) INCREASE CIGARETTE & E-CIGARETTE TAXES-Support

[HB 310](#) INCOME & CAPITAL GAINS TAXES-Support

HB 311	INCREASE WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT-Support
HB 69	EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS & ADMIN-Support
HB 192/a	FILM TAX CREDITS & RESIDENCY-No Positon
HB 323	TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BONDS-No Positon

Senate Education Committee This link takes you to committee members contact information

SENATOR WILLIAM SOULES, CHAIR

Friday, February 10, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 311

SB 241	SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS & PHYSICAL ED STANDARDS-No Positon
SB 243	RESTRICT CERTAIN HIGHER ED EXPENDITURES-No Positon
SB 251	CERTAIN STUDENT MISCONDUCT REPORTS TO PARENTS-No Positon
SB 253	WITHDRAW NM FROM PARCC TEST-Support
SB 256	K-6 MINIMUM SCHOOL HOURS & DAYS-No Position
SB 276	LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & APPLICATIONS-No Positon
SB 323	EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT-Support
SJM 1	STUDENT ASSESSMENT POLICY WORKING GROUP-Support
SB 219	DEFINE & REQUIRE SCHOOL ETHNIC STUDIES-No Position

Special Saturday House Education Committee Meeting

[Please follow this link to let us know you are coming](#)

House Education Committee Chair Stephanie Garcia Richard (NEA-NM member) invites all teachers to testify in person this Saturday before that Committee about the teacher evaluation system in New Mexico. There are four bills now before the House Education Committee addressing teacher evaluation, and the Committee is going to hear this all together in one hearing this Saturday.

The Committee will meet in Room 307, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please encourage member - teachers to attend and bring their stories.

The Chair requests teachers focus their comments on these questions:

- What is "teacher effectiveness" and how do we measure it for evaluation purposes?
- Do the observation parts of NM Teach work well to improve your teaching?
- Can the many intangible things teachers do to inspire a love of learning and self-confidence etc., be measured for use in evaluations? If so, how?
- What in the current evaluation system helps inform (and improve) your teaching? What does not?

Here are the bills to be heard and our position:

Saturday, February 11, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 307

[HB 125](#) TEACHER & PRINCIPAL EVALUATION SYSTEM-Support

[HB 158](#) TEACHER EVALUATION PILOT PROJECT-Support

[HB 163](#) SCHOOL GRADE TEST SCORES & UNEXCUSED ABSENCES-Support

[HB 241](#) USE OF ATTENDANCE IN TEACHER EVALUATIONS-Support

[HB 248](#) SCHOOL EMPLOYEE EVALUATION STANDARDS-Support

[HB 350](#) TEACHER & PRINCIPAL EFFECTIVENESS ACT-Oppose

[HB 350](#) was just added to this list. It is the Governor's and Education Secretary's Bill. It places the current evaluation in statute with minor changes. Let [committee members](#) know that is ant-local control and very bad public policy.

[Follow this link to identify and contact your legislator](#)