Legislative Update

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

SB 344: Carried by Senator William Tallman, this bill would create a new tax bracket for New Mexicans claiming more than $125,000 in taxable income and $250,000 for those who file jointly. The additional earnings from this tax bracket would be directed towards early childhood education as well as funding for New Mexico’s K-12 schools. The measure received a do-pass recommendation from the Senate Education Committee on a straight party-line vote, Democrats voting for and Republicans against. About half of the nearly 200 million new dollars raised would be directed to public schools and half to early childhood programs. The next stop is the Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee. Ask committee members to support this investment in our future.

House Joint Resolution 1 received a do-pass recommendation from the House Local Government Committee today on a straight party line vote, Democrats for and Republicans against. This constitutional amendment would provide increased funding from the land grant permanent fund for early childhood programs and, for two years, additional funding for public schools. Its next stop is the House Judiciary committee. Tell committee members that this is an important investment in our future.

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**SB 251**  
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**SB 276**  
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**SB 305**  
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**SB 313**  
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**SJM 11**  
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Please let members know our positions of these measures.

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