

Legislative Update for Sunday, February 19, 2017

Schedule for NEA-New Mexico Lobby Day, Monday, February 20th

9 – 10 AM, Continental Breakfast ~ Hotel Santa Fe *Kiva C*

10 – 11 AM, Member Update Briefing ~ Hotel Santa Fe *Kiva C*

11 AM – 3 PM, Travel to Capitol Building to Lobbying with Legislators Against NO MORE CUTS

12:30 PM, Westside of Roundhouse for Demonstration To Resist the Trump-DeVos Education Agenda

Please bring your cell phone fully charged and be ready posting live to your Facebook, Twitter or other social media accounts.

11:30 am – 2 PM, Lunch tickets will be provided for the Street Food Institute Food Truck (SFCC).

After your Team completes all visits:

1 PM – 5 PM, Return Legislator Visit Forms to Room 313-B

(Representative Stephanie Garcia Richards' Office)

Budget Activity

The House Democratic Majority has unveiled their revenue omnibus bill (CS/HB 202) and it will be heard in [House Taxation and Revenue Committee](#) on **Monday at 8:30 am in Room 317**. Call [committee members](#) to support the package. The total revenue raised is about \$212 million.

There will be a committee substitute for HB 202 and the major four elements of the legislation will be:

- Internet tax (Local business fairness provision)
- Level the playing field on Health Care Taxes
- Motor Vehicle Excise tax from 3% to 4%
- A new \$90 heavy truck permit fee

On the budget side, **HB 2 will be passed in HAFB at 8:30 Monday** morning (not their usual afternoon meeting time). We won't know all details until Monday morning, but the added revenues should prevent additional cuts to education.

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

Education Committees Meet

Meanwhile, the usual Monday morning of the two education committees will take place. Here are their schedules and our positions on bills:

Senate Education Committee

Monday, February 20, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 311

SB 195	ALLOW LESC TO STUDY POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION-Support	Sapien
SB 276	LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & APPLICATIONS-No Position	Sapien
SB 381	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION-Support	Woods
SB 383	CHARTER SCHOOL PRIORITY FOR PRE-K STUDENTS-No position	Brandt
SB 399	SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS-Support	Lopez
SB 412	SHARING OF COLLEGE PHYSICAL FACILITIES-Support	Munoz
SB 420	LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP GRACE PERIOD-Support	Soules
SJM 14	SCHOOL INFO ON MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASES-Support	Candelaria
SM 22	STUDY BRANCH & COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATUTES-Support	Campos
SM 23/a	EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE COLLABORATION-Support	Campos

House Education Committee

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HB 273	CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES -oppose	Smith
HB 130	SCHOOL PROGRAM UNITS FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYERS -support	CH Trujillo
HB 134	SCHOOL PERSONNEL MINIMUM SALARIES-Support	CH Trujillo
HB 190	SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS -support	Adkins

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich will hold an education Tele-Townhall for NEA-NM members Tuesday, February 21.

Please join Senator Heinrich for the Teacher Tele-Townhall for NEA-NM Members only on Tuesday the 21st from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. Members for whom we have current phone numbers will receive a call from the Senator at 6:00, so please follow the directions given at that time to participate.

Our Executive Director, Charles Bowyer will share NEA-NM the concerns about the DeVos/Trump agenda. Around 6:10 he will take the first call off the lines from our members. High school teacher Rep. Andres Romero will give a NM Legislative Update. Senator Heinrich will take more calls.

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