

Special Saturday House Education Committee Meeting

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:

HB 125 TEACHER & PRINCIPAL EVALUATION SYSTEM -support	Stapleton
HB 158 TEACHER EVALUATION PILOT PROJECT-Support	Garcia Richard
HB 163 SCHOOL GRADE TEST SCORES & UNEXCUSED ABSENCES-Support	Sariñana
HB 241 USE OF ATTENDANCE IN TEACHER EVALUATIONS -Support	Harper
HB 248 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE EVALUATION STANDARDS-Support	CH Trujillo

House Education Committee
STEPHANIE GARCIA RICHARD, CHAIR

Wednesday, February 08, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 309

HB 88	STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS-support
HB 184	PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS-no position
HB 211	SCHOOL NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS-support
HJR 5	NO NEW SCHOOL ACTIVITY WITHOUT FUNDING, CA-support

On Wednesday committee hearings continue on education and revenue bills. The bills and our positions are below:

House Taxation and Revenue Committee

JIM R. TRUJILLO

Wednesday, February 08, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 317

HB 76	ESTATE OR TRUST DISTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTION-no position
HB 128	INVESTMENT IN CERTAIN NM BUSINESSES-no position
HB 132	MOBILITY LIMITATION LICENSE PLATE-no position
HB 161	PRIOR YEAR DATA FOR SCHOOL DISTRIBUTIONS-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

Senate Education Committee

SENATOR WILLIAM SOULES, CHAIR

Wednesday, February 08, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 311

SB 140	SCHOOL DISTRICT FLEXIBILITY-no position
SB 144	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RETIREMENT-oppose
SB 148	STUDENT DIABETES MANAGEMENT ACT
SB 182	EARLY CHILDHOOD LAND GRANT ACT-support
SB 208	SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY-support
SB 209	ADDITIONAL STUDENT DATA REPORTING-no positions
SB 213	SUPPORT FOR TRANSFERRING STUDENTS-support
SB 219	DEFINE & REQUIRE SCHOOL ETHNIC STUDIES-no position
SB 135	CHARTER SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS-Support
SB 338	STATEWIDE BROADBAND NETWORK-support

In national news, the US Senate confirmed Betsy DeVos when the vice-president broke a tie-vote. Talking points are below:

Talking Points: Senate confirms Betsy DeVos

Background

The U.S. Senate approved Betsy DeVos, the embattled pick to lead the U.S. Department of Education. Educators across the nation spearheaded the opposition initially but the chorus against her nomination quickly mushroomed and took on a life of its own immediately following her confirmation hearing.

NEA's historic campaign rallied parents, students, educators, civil rights groups, and other public education advocates—both [Republicans and Democrats](#)—to email more than [1.1 million](#) letters and make more than 80,000 phone calls to senators in Washington and flooded their offices back home. DeVos also failed to convince key Republican Senators that she was ready to do the job for which she was nominated. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) broke ranks with their own party and voted against DeVos.

Narrative we want to drive:

- The public outcry, from both Republicans and Democrats, **denies** Trump and DeVos a **mandate** despite Senate approval of her nomination
- The growing **bipartisan resistance** to the Trump-DeVos agenda is **here to stay**
- We are going to turn this energy into new activism to oppose the Trump-DeVos hostile takeover of our public schools
- We are going to ride this wave of new energy to keep protect students and public education

Talking Points

- Americans across the nation drove a **bipartisan** repudiation of the Trump-DeVos agenda for students and public education. The Trump-DeVos agenda is hamstrung before they'd even gotten started
- No other Trump nominee garnered the level of unprecedented public opposition as Betsy DeVos
- No other time in our nation's history has a Vice President of the United States stepped in to cast the deciding vote on a nomination.
- No cabinet nominee has united **Republicans and Democrats** the way DeVos has.
- The hundreds of thunderous rallies across the country, the flood of phone calls, and the deluge of **millions of emails** in opposition to the DeVos' nomination **deny the Trump administration a mandate to take over our public schools.**
- Today's outcome marks only the beginning of the resistance.
- Students, educators, parents, civil rights, and special education advocates—along with millions of Americans—are speaking loud and clear: **we are here to stay...we will protect public education.**
- The level of energy is palpable.
- I've never seen this type of engagement in my years working as an education activist.
- We have hundreds of thousands of new activists ready to step up.
- We are going to focus this energy on create positive change for our students from Congress down to the school boards.
- We are going to watch what Betsy DeVos does. And we are going to hold her accountable for the actions and decisions she makes on behalf of the more than 50 million students in our nation's public schools.
- We also are going to turn this activism into action.
- Stay engaged. Use #ImReal tell us why support public schools
- We want to make sure we thank the senators who stood with students and public education and voted against Betsy DeVos
- We are going to encourage activists to run for public office, to become public education champions
- We have work to do to implement ESSA at the state and local level. This is where the rubber meets the road on education policy. And this is where the voices of educators matters the most
- And we are going to continue to defend against the hostile takeover of our public schools with unproven and failed schemes such as for-profit charter schools and vouchers wherever they may appear – from the school house to the state house

