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**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON APPOINTS FIVE NEW MEMBERS TO THE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointments of five new members to the state Board of Education. The five distinguished New Mexicans – Democrats and Republicans -- will take the governor’s message of commitment, efficiency and accountability to the state school board.

The five new members join 10 elected members – rounding out the 15-member state board. However, Governor Bill Richardson reminded the new appointees that while he values their service on the school board, he still intends to pursue a change to the state constitution to abolish the board in the future so that real education reform can be achieved.

“I think most educators are trying to do the right thing,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “But the system is not doing enough to support them or our children. Part of the problem is there are no serious consequences or incentives for school performance. This renders accountability somewhat meaningless. That’s why I want to create a Secretary of Education who will answer to the governor.”

During the ongoing 60-day session, the governor will ask the Legislature – and ultimately ask the voters – to create a cabinet-level position, Secretary of Education, and give it the power to make positive change.

“ I want the authority to make our education system work – and I’ll take full responsibility for the results,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Just give me the tools.

“Believe me. We are going to move quickly to create the Secretary of Education position. But in the meantime, I’m not waiting for change to happen. I will not accept the status quo. I will act now with whatever power I have at my disposal to require accountability from our schools and our teachers, and I will use my vantage point as governor to demand the best for our children and teachers.”

Governor Bill Richardson reiterated his desire to give teachers a 6 percent pay raise. But he said he expects teachers and schools to meet certain standards. The governor has proposed a new School Performance Review Division that will take a closer look at school districts that are not up to par. The governor will also name a new education advisor who will work closely with this review division to ensure these audits are done well.

“We will start with the most troubled districts – but eventually the entire state system will be held up to the test,” said Governor Bill Richardson.

“I have promised three basic goals for the state: Better schools, better jobs and more money in the pockets of New Mexicans. My appointment of five new school board members is a first step toward providing a quality education to every child in New Mexico. If you haven’t got the message yet, let me remind you one more time – education is the first priority of my administration.”

The new members of the state Board of Education are:

1. **Charles Hayes**, of Lordsburg, is the superintendent of Lordsburg Municipal Schools. He has been superintendent for more than three years. Before being named superintendent, Hayes was a teacher and director of instruction. The native of Lordsburg graduated from Orberlin College in Oberlin, OH. He earned his Master’s degree in school administration from Western New Mexico University. He has a wife, Leslie, who is a teacher in Lordsburg.
2. **Beverlee McClure**, of Clovis, is the president of Clovis Community College, a post she has held for four years. She has worked as a teacher and an administrator for 15 years. Under McClure’s leadership, the community college became a Title V Hispanic-serving institution, generating \$2 million a year for the school. McClure earned a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Texas. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Commerce and Industry.
3. **Pauline Gubbels**, of Albuquerque, recently retired from the state House of Representatives after six years of service. During her tenure, Gubbels served on the Legislative Education Study Committee, the interim panel that studies and recommends legislation to the full Legislature. She helped pass a law dealing with general-obligation bonds for schools and legislation dealing with instructional materials. She has championed proposals to send state money to non-public schools to pay for technology. Gubbels served as an Albuquerque city councilor for four years. She served on the Environmental Planning Commission for six years. Most recently, she served on the state Water Trust Board.
4. **Donovan Gomez**, of Taos Pueblo, is the director of the education talent search program at the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. Gomez earned his Bachelor’s degree in American Studies from the University of New Mexico. He worked for five years as executive director of the Pueblo of San Juan Department of Education. He is currently a member of the New Mexico Indian Education Advisory Council.
5. **Adelmo “Del” Archuleta**, of Albuquerque, has a long tradition of supporting education in New Mexico. Archuleta just completed a six-year term on the New Mexico State University Board of Regents. He was president of the board from 1999-2001. He owns and runs Molzen-Corbin & Associates, an engineering firm Archuleta joined after graduating from New Mexico State University with a Master’s degree in water resources engineering. Archuleta is the past president of the Board of Directors of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. He is an active force behind the chamber’s education initiative. Most recently, Archuleta was chosen to serve on the Presbyterian Health Services’ Board of Directors. He also served for more than 12 years on the school boards of St. Charles Borromeo School and St. Pius X High School.