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Governor Bill Richardson to meet with legislators, Preview plans for 2005 session

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced he will hold two summits with Democratic and Republican legislators begin discussions about the upcoming 2005 legislative session. Governor Richardson will outline many of the policy proposals he will pursue during the next session in January.

“The goal of these summits is to start a bipartisan dialogue with legislators about the next session, and what we can do together to move New Mexico forward,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I’ll share many of my plans with legislators, and I look forward to hearing from them about their agenda.”

Governor Richardson will meet with Democratic legislators from the House and Senate during a weekend retreat in Red River on Aug. 27-29, and will meet with Republican legislators in September.

The Governor gave a quick glimpse of some of the issues that will be discussed. “I want to talk about ways to reduce the number of New Mexicans without health insurance, increase programs for victims of domestic violence, expand the Lottery scholarship program and continue our tax incentive program to promote small business and renewable energy. Let’s keep the state moving in the right direction.”

The Legislature will meet for a 60-day session starting in January 2005.

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