



Governor Bill Richardson Hosts Republican Legislators; Continues His Bipartisan Efforts To Move New Mexico Forward

Will Discuss Legislative Agenda: Education, Public Safety, Health Care and Tax-Cuts

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Truth Or Consequences - Governor Bill Richardson will continue his bipartisan efforts to move New Mexico forward by holding a two day legislative retreat for Republican legislators to discuss his agenda for moving the state forward. "I am meeting with legislators from both parties to continue my efforts to improve our schools, create high-wage jobs and toughen our DWI laws. I met with Democrats last month and I will meet this weekend with Republicans for two days in Truth or Consequences," Governor Richardson said.

"I have invited all the Republican legislators to meet with me and key members of my staff in order to open a dialogue and to share my legislative agenda. I look forward to meeting with them and discussing my Public Safety initiatives on DWI, domestic violence, sexual predators and drug abuse. We will also discuss "BAT," Breaks for All Taxpayers, my plan which calls for tax-cuts for seniors, low and middle-income families, single parents and a back-to-school "tax holiday" for all New Mexicans," Governor Richardson said.

The two-day legislative meeting takes place in Truth or Consequences beginning tonight, Friday, Oct. 8, with a reception sponsored by Governor Richardson for all Republican legislators. Governor Richardson will also host a barbeque luncheon tomorrow.

Other topics on the agenda include energy, land, water, health care and government accountability.

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