



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson to highlight first N.M. Back-to-School Tax Holiday in Portales, Clovis, Roswell, Carlsbad**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will hold news conferences on Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Portales, Clovis, Roswell and Carlsbad to highlight the first New Mexico back-to-school tax holiday.

For the first time, New Mexico shoppers will get a break on state and local taxes on Aug. 5-7. The tax holiday was part of Governor Richardson's successful package of tax cuts for working New Mexico families passed during the recent legislative session.

"I am traveling across New Mexico to raise awareness about this tax holiday, which will save students and parents money as they prepare for the start of school," Governor Bill Richardson said. "With help from New Mexico retailers and local chambers of commerce, we will reach out to as many New Mexicans as possible to let them know about this opportunity to save money."

In addition to Tuesday's news conferences, Governor Richardson will also travel on Wednesday to Los Alamos and Rio Rancho to highlight the tax holiday.

Here is Governor Richardson's schedule for Tuesday, Aug. 2:

**10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Portales**

- **Issue:** New Mexico's first back-to-school tax holiday
- **Location:** Valley Furniture, (East on 70<sup>th</sup> to Main Street, Turn left on Main)

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Attend Ceremony – Abengoa Ethanol Plant, Portales**

- **Issue:** ABENGOA BIOENERGY Expansion Grand Opening Celebration and Open House. U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and Governor Bill Richardson are featured speakers.
- **Location:** Abengoa Ethanol Plant, 1827 Industrial Drive, Portales

**12:45 – 1:30 p.m. News Conference - Clovis**

- **Issue:** Governor Richardson will discuss his meetings with all 9 BRAC Commissioners and will also highlight New Mexico's first back-to-school tax holiday
- **Location:** North Plains Mall, Center Court (2809 North Prince Street)

**2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Roswell**

- **Issue:** New Mexico's first back-to-school tax holiday
- **Location:** Roswell Mall

**4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Carlsbad**

- **Issue:** New Mexico's first back-to-school tax holiday
- **Location:** Carlsbad Mall (2302 West Pierce St)

Details on the tax holiday, including which items are excluded from gross receipts tax, can be found on the state Taxation & Revenue web site:

<http://www.state.nm.us/tax/pubs/BackToSchool.pdf>