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Governor Bill Richardson to highlight first N.M. Back-to-School Tax Holiday in Farmington, Silver City, Las Cruces, Albuquerque

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will hold news conferences on Monday, Aug. 1, in Farmington, Silver City, Las Cruces and Albuquerque 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 Monday's news conferences, Governor Richardson will also travel on Tuesday and Wednesday to Portales, Clovis, Roswell, Carlsbad, Los Alamos and Rio Rancho to highlight the tax holiday. Details of those news conferences will be available soon.

Here is the schedule for Monday, Aug. 1:

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Farmington

- **Location:** Animas Valley Mall (Inside mall near Dillard's)

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Silver City

- **Location:** La Plata Middle School, 3200 N. Silver Street

12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces

- **Location:** Mesilla Valley Mall (Market entrance on west side of mall)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Albuquerque

- **Location:** Coronado Mall (Upper level between Banana Republic & GAP)

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>