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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Ernesto Ortega to the New Mexico School for the Deaf Board of Regents

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Ernesto Q. Ortega of Santa Fe to the New Mexico School for the Deaf Board of Regents.

“Ernesto Ortega is uniquely qualified to serve on this board. He has an impressive range of experience in education including many years teaching hearing-impaired students and I am confident he will be a tremendous asset to the New Mexico School for the Deaf,” said Governor Richardson.

Mr. Ortega holds a number of degrees including a Bachelors degree in Education and a Bachelors in Science, both from New Mexico State University; a Masters degree in Psychology and Education from New Mexico Highlands University; a Masters degree specializing in Deaf Education from Eastern New Mexico University and an EDS certificate from the University of New Mexico in Curriculum and Instruction.

Now retired, Ernesto Ortega taught at the New Mexico School for the Deaf where he will now serve as a Regent, and was an instructor at the world-renowned Gallaudet University in Washington DC. Gallaudet is the only University of its kind in the world, dedicated to deaf and hard-of-hearing undergraduate and graduate studies. Ortega also worked at the Louisiana School for the Deaf; he was a sign language professor at Eastern New Mexico University and taught special education at Highlands University.

Mr. Ortega replaces Lisa McNiven. His term will expire on December 31, 2014.

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