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Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 6

The Honorable Javier Martinez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Martinez and Members of the House:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have signed HOUSE BILL 130, as amended ("HB 130"), enacted by the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2023.

As I sign this message, my grandchildren are here with me in the Office because they are out of school *for a full seven days* on "spring break." These lengthy breaks in learning time are all too common. As Governor, it is my responsibility to ensure that we are doing everything we can to provide our students with the best possible education. While HB 130 is a small step in the right direction, it falls short of this by allowing educator professional work time to count toward the minimum hours of learning time. This professional work time should be conducted in addition to, and not part of, increased student instructional time. Further, many school districts already provide extended learning time above the minimum without embedding professional work time.

We need a more significant and meaningful increase in learning hours to give New Mexico students the tools they need to succeed in today's rapidly changing world. I urge you to come back next year with a proposal that meets this need. I stand ready to work with you to find a solution that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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For Secretary of State

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By [Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House