



## State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

January 29, 2026

### SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 51

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, submission of SENATE BILL 178, a bill requiring that school districts enrolling more than two thousand students allocate at least ninety percent of the money a public school generates through the state equalization guarantee distribution to that public school; limiting the unrestricted cash balances of school districts that fail to meet the allocation requirement; requiring school districts and charter schools to use evidence-based spending plans to improve academic outcomes of at-risk students; and allowing the Public Education Department to intervene in public schools that fail to make progress on improving outcomes.

Respectfully yours,

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

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By Dolores Beaman  
*RE* Chief Clerk of the Senate