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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Public School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators,

FROM: Pete Goldschmidt, PhD
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RE: Link to Common Core State Standards Planning Survey

The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) is preparing for the transition to the Common Core State Standards. For more information, please see the September 9th Memo about New Mexico's transition to the CCSS at <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/CCS/docs/Memotodistricts.pdf>. The CCSS are rigorous standards in English Language Arts and Math that 47 states and the District of Columbia have adopted.

Currently, NMPED is developing an implementation plan for how to support districts in the transition to the CCSS. Throughout the fall, a Planning Committee composed of teachers, parents, and administrators from around the state will be meeting to provide recommendations to NMPED on planning the transition.

NMPED adopted the CCSS in October 2010 and is currently planning for full implementation of the CCSS in 2014-2015. New Mexico also recently joined the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) to create assessments aligned to the CCSS. These assessments will be ready in 2014-2015 and will be partially computer based.

Please respond to the Common Core State Standards Planning Survey so that NMPED is able to determine the current technical and educator capacity of districts to implement the CCSS. We do not expect districts to have completed a lot of work on the transition and we realize that districts may be in different stages in preparing for the transition. The purpose of this survey is to provide districts with an opportunity to inform NMPED how best to support and guide them during the transition. **Your response is crucial to the development of an effective implementation plan- we will track the responses of each district. Please respond to the survey by Monday, October 10, 2011.**

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We greatly appreciate your time in completing this survey.

Sincerely,

Pete Goldschmidt

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cc: PED Senior Team