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Dear New Mexico Families and Community Members,

Each year, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) shares district and state charter school report cards. While these are shared as part of our federal responsibility, we view them primarily as an invitation to our community. These report cards are designed to provide families, educators, and neighbors with a transparent look at how we are collectively serving our students and where we can join forces to make educational improvements and champion the overall success of schools.

These reports reflect a variety of measures, including academic achievement, graduation rates, and progress for English learners. We know that no single number tells the whole story of a school. Instead, this data provides a clearer view of our strengths and highlights where we can work together to provide additional support.

We encourage you to use this information not just as a report, but as a tool to affect positive change. When reviewing your school's data, we invite you to engage in conversations with local school leaders about the proven programs that the PED is prioritizing to accelerate student outcomes, such as:

- **Structured Literacy:** Ensuring every student has the foundational reading skills necessary for lifelong learning.
- **High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM):** Advocating for the presence of top-tier, evidence-based tools in every classroom.
- **Supportive School Climates:** Building environments where attendance improves because students feel safe, seen, and motivated.

Data can sometimes feel complex, but its true purpose is to guide improvement and target resources. Rather than labeling schools, these results help us identify where additional funding and community partnership will be most beneficial.

New Mexico's path to excellence depends on families and communities as essential partners. We encourage you to review your school's report card, ask questions, and join your district and school leaders on taking action to implement priority programs that make a difference for our children.

Thank you for your dedication to New Mexico's students. Together, we will transform this data into action and ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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