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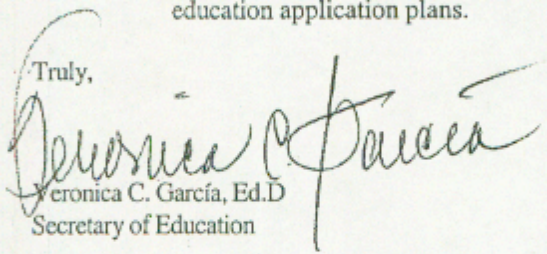
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Congratulations on your appointment to serve as a member of the New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education for a term of three years. Welcome to the Council!

As specified in the Council By-Laws, your duties as a Council member are as follows:

- Advise the Humanities Bureau about arts educator professional development;
- Work with the Bureau to conduct periodic assessments of the need for arts education programs in the public school system and make recommendations to the Secretary of Education on how to meet those needs;
- Promote the collaborative development and implementation of pre-K through post-secondary and after-school arts education programs, projects, and practices to enhance instruction capabilities;
- Develop and recommend to the Secretary of Education a statewide plan to infuse arts education into the public school system in support of state and national educational goals;
- Provide assistance to the Humanities Bureau in review of school district annual reports and elementary arts education application plans.

Truly,


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