

We, the undersigned Board of Education Members of the _____ School District, support this initiative that is designed to attract college students who will major in education. We have a severe shortage of teachers throughout New Mexico and we must take major steps to insure we have qualified staff for the future benefit of our children. The Teaching profession is quickly becoming a less desirable profession. Salaries here in New Mexico are lower than many states, and people are leaving for better opportunities.

We are asking our State Legislators to bring this idea to the floor and make it State Law.

We are asking the State of New Mexico to authorize imbursement of all college fees incurred for a student who receives their Bachelor's Degree in Education, and:

1. The student must seek and gain employment by a school district located in New Mexico.
2. Once hired by a New Mexico school district, the teacher must teach a minimum of two years in that position.
3. After two years of employment in a New Mexico school district will be imbursed by NMPED for the expenses he or she expended in receiving their bachelors degree.

The amount the teacher would receive would include all costs incurred in receiving their Bachelor's of Education degree, less any money received via scholarships and the New Mexico Lottery. This money would be paid to the teacher after the start of the third year of employment.

Signature

Printed Name

Board Position
