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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 13, 2013 TO BE "COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DAY" AT  
THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's community schools movement is  
growing because of its proven success; and

WHEREAS, community schools are located in diverse  
communities throughout the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, educators have long striven to promote academic  
success, particularly for students who are Hispanic or Native  
American, a primary population being served by community  
schools; and

WHEREAS, academic and behavioral results from these  
schools hold promise at a time when New Mexico's educational  
system needs improved school performance; and

WHEREAS, community schools are founded on research

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1 demonstrating that children succeed when adults work together  
2 to foster positive educational outcomes and schools work best  
3 when families and community stakeholders take active roles in  
4 the education of children; and

5 WHEREAS, community schools focus on increasing learning  
6 time, engaging families, strengthening community and school  
7 connections and coordinating resources; and

8 WHEREAS, community schools include extended learning to  
9 improve overall student learning, tie learning to careers,  
10 reduce risky behaviors and keep students safe; and

11 WHEREAS, community schools also include comprehensive  
12 school-based health services, including behavioral and primary  
13 health care, to reduce the number of school days that students  
14 miss, to remove non-academic barriers to learning and to  
15 encourage family engagement and support so that families are  
16 healthy and can involve the entire family in the educational  
17 lives of the family's children; and

18 WHEREAS, community schools are helping New Mexico achieve  
19 what education leaders refer to as "the new normal", defined as  
20 rethinking the way in which government spends scarce resources  
21 to maximize results for children through collaboration and  
22 public-private partnerships; and

23 WHEREAS, integrated services, a hallmark of community  
24 schools, have the potential to streamline costs, especially  
25 when seeded and further leveraged by community and private

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1 supports like the Albuquerque/Bernalillo county community  
2 schools partnership, the university of New Mexico and the  
3 Albuquerque public schools community learning centers projects;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, because community schools are catalysts for  
6 change, school districts should consider the community school  
7 strategy as an allowable intervention and remediation strategy  
8 for low-performing schools, especially those schools in which  
9 students demonstrate low proficiency in reading and  
10 mathematics;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13, 2013 be recognized as  
13 "Community Schools Day" at the legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the governor and the secretaries of the public  
16 education department, the department of health, the children,  
17 youth and families department and the human services  
18 department.