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- **Goal 1: Increasing student interest, participation, and achievement in math & science**
- **Goal 2: Raising public support and awareness of the importance of science and math**
- **Goal 3: Establishing effective collaborations with internal and external partners**



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HB322 PASSES HOUSE

HB322 increases from 6 to 9 the number of math credits needed by elementary teachers. It unanimously passed all 4 committees to which it was assigned as well as the House. It is on the Senate calendar.

SB 273 PASSED SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB 273 (appropriation for NM Project 2012) passed in Senate Education but has not moved beyond Senate Finance and Appropriations.

OTHER RELATED LEGISLATION (STATUS AS OF 3/25/09; will be updated at meeting)

HB2 (State Budget) contains an allocation of 2,485,900 for Summer Reading, Math and Science Institutes.

SM84 sets up a task force to study pre-service teachers' math programs at universities. This includes a study that addresses "whether teachers who have completed nine credit hours of mathematics are better prepared as elementary teachers than those with the current state requirement, which is six credit hours of mathematics;" a report is due by December, 2009. SM84 has passed the Senate.

SJM47 requests the PED Secretary to work with the US Dept. of Ed. to suspend federally mandated assessments and replace them with short-cycle formative assessments to meet NCLB; it has passed the Senate and is on the House calendar.

HB349 (Committee substitute) requires the PED to identify standardized tests that are not required by NCLB and which could be abolished without loss of federal funding. It has passed the House; on Senate calendar.

SB205 enacts the New Mexico Research Applications Act that establishes a nonprofit corporation to interact with business and government agencies, universities, private foundations and national laboratories to foster economic development in the areas of technology and intellectual property. It's related to the New Mexico Computing Applications Center (NMCAC). One of the stated purposes of the Research Applications Center is to support educational initiatives in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Passed by the Senate; on the House Business and Industry Committee calendar.

SB453 (Committee Substitute) authorizes the issuance of severance tax bonds up to \$130,000,000 to be used to build or renovate and equip Science Laboratories at NM Public high schools; it hasn't moved in Senate Finance.

SB462 is an appropriation for the UNM P-20 Math and Science Education Center; it's in Senate Finance.

