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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Public School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators and Directors of State Supported Schools

FROM: Veronica C. García, Ed.D. *VCG/ed*
Secretary of Education

RE: **2007 AYP DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS**

I am pleased to announce that PED has completed the preliminary 2007 AYP District Accountability Reports. These reports summarize your district's progress in meeting NCLB requirements for student proficiency in reading and math, participation in the statewide assessment, and attendance or graduation rates. I trust that you will find areas in which your hard work has been rewarded with evidence of student growth as well as opportunities for additional improvement. I am certain that you will find the information useful as you and your teachers plan for this year's success.

Your district's AYP report is attached in electronic format for review. In addition, detail data that support AYP calculations can be found in STARS at:

Public Folders > eScholar Framework for Cognos - Verify > Public Reports > 2007 AYP Results

For 26 calendar days (March 24 through April 18) you will have an opportunity to review AYP results and request an appeal. Please submit the attached request form explaining the substantive reason for the appeal, including documented evidence of test scoring errors, calculation errors, and extenuating circumstances. Every situation is unique, and you should provide evidence that is relevant to your appeal, which might include student IEPs or correspondence with one of our divisions. PED will respond to your appeal by close of business May 2.

With your cooperation, much was accomplished to ensure the accuracy of student demographic information during the Biodata Review in May and the review of school AYP calculations and designations in August. At those points, you approved your results and further review of that data is not needed.

Please be aware that requests for clarification or an explanation of AYP calculations do not constitute an appeal and should be submitted to the Chief Statistician by email (cindy.gregory@state.nm.us).

Please direct your questions regarding the AYP appeal process to Dr. Cindy Gregory at 827-6508.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making the AYP Review a success.

VCG/cg/df

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