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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local School District Superintendents  
Charter School Administrators  
Regional Educational Cooperatives Directors  
Dorian Dodson, Cabinet Secretary, Children Youth and Families Department,  
Linda Lyle, Superintendent, New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually  
Impaired  
Dr. Ronald Stern, Superintendent, New Mexico School for the Deaf

FROM: Paul Calderon, Director, Educator Ethics Bureau

RE: **NEW PUBLIC BACKGROUND CHECK FEES BY PED**

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**EFFECTIVE MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

1. All fingerprint cards submitted to the Public Education Department (PED) will require a background check fee of **\$75.00**.
2. Any cards received by the PED postmarked after February 15, 2010 without the proper background check fee will be returned for proper fee.

Please make sure that any packets submitted by districts containing fingerprint cards and paid with a single school check are complete or the entire packet will be returned! Please do not submit packets of more than five (5) sets payable by one check.

If you have any questions please contact Lonnie Hudson at 827-3983