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NEWS RELEASE

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Public Invited to Make Nominations for State IDEA Advisory Panel

(Santa Fe, NM)— The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) Special Education Bureau (SEB) is seeking nominations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) State Advisory Panel.

The NMPED maintains a State Advisory Panel, as required by the IDEA, for the purpose of providing advice and guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the state. The State Advisory Panel membership is renewed every year for three year terms.

"We are especially interested in seeking nominations from parents, advocates, and school personnel from the Northwest and Northeast regions of the State," Veronica C. García, Secretary of Education said. "The NMPED strives to have membership representative of the state population."

The State Advisory Panel must be composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with the education of children with disabilities. The SEB is seeking individuals who can serve a three-year term from July 2009 – June 2012.

The required State Advisory Panel membership and nomination forms can be accessed at the SEB website at <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/index.htm>. The nomination forms and resumes must be mailed to:

New Mexico Public Education Department
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Attention: Leah Erickson
120 South Federal Place, Room 206
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Deadline for nominations is **May 29, 2009**, close of business day.

For additional questions, please contact Leah Erickson at (505) 827-1458 or via email leah.erickson@state.nm.us.

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