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NEWS RELEASE

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Public Schools in Socorro, Lordsburg, and Cottonwood Valley Charter School will Reopen Thursday

(Santa Fe, NM)— Education Secretary Veronica C. García announced today that all schools in Socorro Consolidated Schools, including Cottonwood Valley Charter School, and Lordsburg Municipal Schools will reopen on Thursday.

Schools were closed in response to probable cases of H1N1 influenza on Sunday.

Secretary García held a conference call with Superintendents at noon today. Both school districts are prepared to open with a full complement of faculty and staff.

“Openings were delayed until Thursday because the school districts needed to assure all staff and services would be provided for the returning students,” said Secretary García. “All New Mexico public and charter schools will be in full operation as of tomorrow. I thank schools, their staffs, parents, and community members for being flexible during these closures.”

Secretary García asked the Superintendents to stress with parents, students, and faculty the importance of following Department of Health guidelines in relation to any display of influenza.

“Although schools are open, if you have symptoms of the flu, you are urged to stay at home and not attend school,” said Secretary García. “Students who demonstrate signs of influenza (fever, cough, and runny nose) at school should be isolated and sent home.”

For more information, go to the Department of Health website at:

http://nmhealth.org/FLU/seasonal/swine_flu.html or CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> or call the following numbers for information:

H1N1 Influenza Hotline	1-866-850-5893 (for all questions about H1N1 influenza)
Nurse Advice Line	1-877-725-2552 (for people with symptoms only)
Spanish callers	1-800-784-0394

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