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Dear Governor Martinez, Director David Abbey, and Director Gudgel:

The Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Public Education Department (PED) are pleased to enclose the New Mexico PreK Program Annual Report for School Year 2014–2015. This annual report fulfills the CYFD and the PED’s responsibility under the statutory requirement of the PreK Education Act in relevant part as follows:
32A-23-4. NMSA 1978. Voluntary pre-kindergarten; interagency cooperation; contracts; contract monitoring; research. (2005)

A. The children, youth and families department and the public education department shall cooperate in the development and implementation of a voluntary program for the provision of pre-kindergarten services throughout the state.

D. The departments shall provide an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the progress of the state's voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

The CYFD and the PED are collaborating to provide exemplary PreK services to students. This report is a comprehensive compilation of data that describes the efficiency and the effectiveness of those services in our PreK student program.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure that the PreK program increases student benefits and reduces costs through expanded risk sharing. We anticipate that this collaboration will additionally result in an enduring, excellent PreK program that safeguards a common set of high standards and benefits to all students in the program.

Warm regards,

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