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MEMORANDUM

To: District Superintendents, Directors of Charter Schools, Truancy Officers and Other Interested Parties

From: Ron Lucero, Truancy Prevention Coordinator (signature on file)
NM Public Education Department, School and Family Support Bureau

Re: **A Guide to Truancy Referrals – February 2007**

Issues related to the identification and documentation of habitually truant students and the referral process within the New Mexico Juvenile Justice System are of concern within New Mexico public school districts. In an effort to assist school district staff with these issues, the New Mexico Public Education Department developed *A Guide to Truancy Referrals* which can be downloaded at: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/div/sipds/health/index.html>.

This manual will assist you with the implementation of the provisions of the Compulsory School Attendance Law (Chapter 22-12-1, NMSA 1978), No Child Left Behind Law, and how to coordinate with the New Mexico Juvenile Justice System and other law enforcement officers.

Please contact me at ronm.lucero@state.nm.us or at (505) 222-4751 if further assistance is required and/or if you have any questions.

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Attachment

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