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Dr. Veronica C. García On Conference Call With Other Education Chiefs and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

(Santa Fe, NM) – New Mexico Secretary of Education Dr. Veronica C. García was on a national conference call this afternoon with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, as he took questions from school leaders from around the country.

“I was impressed with his willingness to make an outreach call of this nature,” Dr. García said. “My colleagues and I had questions about the federal stimulus package and other issues. I was pleased that he was open to fielding questions. I’m encouraged by his willingness to simply pick up the phone and talk to us rather than calling us all into Washington for a meeting. With all states facing budgetary constraints, this type of open communication via a conference call is both efficient and cost-effective.”

“Secondly, I understand that he had a similar call with district superintendents,” Dr. García said. “This shows his desire to reach down to the district level which will enrich the input he receives. I look forward to a one-on-one conversation where I may share with him New Mexico’s unique opportunities and challenges.”

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