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Education Secretary García Honors 14 New Mexico “Schools on the Rise” for Academic Achievement

(Santa Fe, NM) -- Secretary of Education Dr. Veronica C. García congratulated 14 schools that have made significant academic progress over the past two years at the annual Schools on the Rise celebration February 10, 2010 in the Capitol Rotunda.

The schools had previously been designated as a School in Need of Improvement, which means student progress on math and reading was insufficient. Student performance at these schools has since improved. The schools have made Adequate Yearly Progress for two years in a row.

Each school received a \$4,000 award that can be used for library materials. The awards come from the Public Education Department’s School Improvement Framework Fund, a state appropriation.

“These outstanding schools show the New Mexico community that it is possible to tackle the challenge of successfully educating all students,” said Secretary García. “They have embraced all students in their classrooms and used data to provide instructional best practices to meet their unique needs. We celebrate and applaud the faculty and staff, and we especially want to congratulate the students for a job well done.”

The following schools were honored today:

- Ben Alexander Elementary School (Lovington)
- Career Academy Alternative High School (Santa Fe)
- Dulce High School (Dulce)
- Edgewood Elementary (Moriarty-Edgewood)
- Jefferson Elementary (Lovington)
- Lea Elementary (Lovington)
- Llano Elementary (Lovington)
- Loving High School (Loving)
- Mountainair Jr High School (Mountainair)
- Mora High School (Mora)
- Rocinante High School (Farmington)
- Roswell High School (Roswell)
- Sierra Alternative High School (Albuquerque)
- Tohatchi Elementary (Gallup)

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