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New Mexico Public Education Department Announces Audit of 34 School Districts

SANTA FE – Keeping Governor Martinez’s promise to protect students and classroom spending, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) sent letters to 34 school districts across the state on Thursday that outlined the next steps in the audit process for those districts.

“I know there are not 34 districts ‘gaming the system’ in New Mexico,” said Secretary-Designate Hanna Skandera. “This audit is designed to clear those who turn in honest data and put the spotlight on those who don’t. And above all, this audit signals a new era of transparency and accountability in New Mexico schools.”

The initial findings in the audit have found nearly \$18 million in funding claims from 34 districts that NMPED will focus on in the coming days. It is expected that many of the 34 districts under review on Thursday will be cleared from the audit quickly.

The following districts received letters today from the New Mexico Public Education Department:

Alamogordo
Albuquerque
Aztec
Bloomfield
Cimarron
Clayton
Clovis
Cobre
Des Moines
Dulce
Española
Fort Sumner
Gadsden
Gallup
Grants
Hagerman
Hobbs
Las Cruces

Los Alamos
Melrose
Maxwell
Moriarty
Pojoaque
Portales
Rio Rancho
Roswell
Santa Fe
Santa Rosa
Silver
Socorro
Taos
Tucumcari
Tularosa
Vaughn