State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-005

ORDER DIRECTING THE CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNTIL APRIL 6, 2020

On March 11, 2020, I issued an Order declaring a public health emergency due to the spread of the COVID-19 in New Mexico. See Order Declaring A State of Public Health Emergency and Invoking the Powers Provided by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act and the Emergency Licensing Act, Executive Order 2020-004.

Through that Order, I invoked the full measure of my authority under, inter alia, the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, and the Public Health Emergency Response Act, NMSA 1978, 12-10A-1 through 12-10A-19. Id. That Order remains in effect. Id.

Now, for the reasons stated in my previous Order, and given the existence of a current and pending public health emergency due to the continuing spread of COVID-19 in our State, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. All New Mexico public schools shall close beginning March 16, 2020 and shall not reopen until April 6, 2020 due to the public health emergency already declared in Executive Order 2020-004.

2. The Secretary of Education, pursuant to the governing and management authority

over all public schools granted to him in NMSA 1978, Section 22-2-1, is hereby directed to exercise all necessary authority to effectuate this Order.

This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2020

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Michelle Lujan Grisham

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