State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-009

AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN RELIEF EFFORTS DURING THE STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

On March 11, 2020, Executive Order 2020-004 declared a statewide public health emergency pursuant to the Public Health Emergency Response Act and invoked gubernatorial powers under the All Hazard Emergency Management Act.

On March 13, 2020, Executive Order 2020-005 directed the Public Education Department to close all public schools until April 6, 2020 due to the statewide public health emergency described in Executive Order 2020-004.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 12-11-25, emergency funds shall be expended by the Governor or any agent or agency designated by her either as a State project or for securing matching funds when a disaster is beyond local control and requires State resources to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm and to take action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Executive Order 2020-004 has already declared the continuing public health emergency described in that Order as a disaster that is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requiring the resources of the State. That continuing public health emergency and the disruptions to school-aged children and families by statewide school closures necessitates the provision of

emergency funding to the Public Education Department.

Now, therefore, 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 declare that an emergency situation exists, as described in Executive Order 2020-004.

I direct the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency and disaster relief funds in an amount not to exceed seventy hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) to the Public Education Department in accordance with Sections 12-11-23 through 12-11-25. Funds shall be expended for the purposes of avoiding or minimizing economic and physical harm; protecting the public health, safety, welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including but not limited to the provision of any form of assistance to children and families designed to mitigate the effects of the public health emergency described in Executive Order 2020-004 and the school closures required in Executive Order 2020-005. Funds shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or an agent or agency designated by her for that purpose.

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
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2020

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

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

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