


New Mexico First
Recommendations From The
22nd New Mexico First Town Hall
“K-12 Education In New Mexico:
Benchmarks For The New Millennium”


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New Mexico's Emerging Vision for Education By 2005

- **Successful Students**
 - **Qualified and Effective Educators And Administrators**
 - **Safe, Modern Schools That Are Centers of Their Communities**
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New Mexico's Emerging Themes for Reform

- High Standards For All Students
 - Early Childhood Education & Early Literacy
 - Qualified and Effective Teachers In Every Classroom
 - Adequate Funding for Capital Outlay and Educational Technology
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High Standards For All Students

- Standards For Academics, Career Readiness, and Quality of Character
 - Programs, Curriculum, Resources That Support High Standards For All Students
 - Strong Leadership And Support From Administrators And Other Decision-Makers
 - Eliminate Social Promotion and Provide Effective Intervention and Remediation
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Early Childhood Education & Early Literacy

- Strengthen Programs Dealing With Children In Poverty
 - Expand Preschool And Kindergarten Opportunities For All Children
 - Expand Early Literacy Experiences And Language Development Opportunities for All Children
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Qualified And Effective Teachers In Every Classroom

- Improve Salaries And Working Conditions Including Expansion of Teacher Contract Days
 - Strengthen Licensure Standards For All Educators
 - Improve The Recruitment, Preparation, Induction And Professional Development Of All Educators
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Adequate Funding For Capital Outlay and Educational Technology

- Improve Funding Sources And Methods To Ensure Equitable and Adequate Funding For Capital Outlay Throughout New Mexico
 - Ensure That All Of New Mexico's Students Have Access To Current Educational Technology
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The Importance of Clear Focus And Sustained Effort

- Strategic Planning and Systematic Efforts Are The Best Way To Improve Education
 - Progress Comes From Sustained Leadership And Stability of Reform Policies Over Time
 - Educators, Parents, Policy-Makers, Businesses, And Other Concerned New Mexicans Must Work To Develop Trust and Cooperation To Ensure Educational Excellence
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One Way To Focus Legislation On New Mexico's Emerging Themes

All Proposed Bills Should Focus On These Priorities	High Standards For All Students	Early Childhood Education & Early Literacy	Qualified And Effective Educators	Capital Outlay And Educational Technology
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22nd New Mexico First Town Hall Priorities

- Implement High Standards And Provide Adequate Support and Resources To End Social Promotion
 - Improve Early Childhood Education And Early Literacy Opportunities For All Of New Mexico's Children
 - Improve The Salaries, Working Conditions, And Systematic Support For Educators
 - Ensure That Our School Buildings, Facilities, And Technological Infrastructure Are Adequately Funded and Modern
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In Summary

- Children Are Our Most Important Resource
- Public Education In New Mexico Is Inadequate
- We Can Make New Mexico's Vision A Reality