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As part of my plan to build stronger schools, I am committed to sustaining and improving gifted programs in New Mexico schools, and supporting the important work that gifted educators across our state do to build stronger futures for our kids. This begins by ensuring that we include gifted educators, students, and parents in the process of creating a new direction for New Mexico schools. We have to work together as we focus on building fair evaluation systems that take into account the varying needs of New Mexico students and give educators in every classroom the resources and support they need.

I will work so that PED evaluates and improves programs for identification of gifted students by integrating these efforts into expanded Pre-K instruction, while also ensuring student identification takes into account New Mexico's cultural and economic diversity. Gifted education should be a key part of an education system that fights inequality and provides opportunity for all New Mexico children.

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