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The Honorable Georgene Louis
Chair, House State Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee
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Dear Chair Louis,

House Bill 130 *School Gifted Education Requirements*, sponsored by Rep. Christine Trujillo, would ensure that the mandate for public schools to develop each student's talents extends to capable students at every level of opportunity.

Universal screening and comprehensive K-12 gifted education programming, core provisions of House Bill 130, are important components of Santa Fe Public Schools' commitment to equity and excellence.

Students who are gifted with the ability to learn faster and solve problems on their own need a more advanced curriculum usually reserved for students in higher grades. We have found these students in every one of Santa Fe's neighborhood schools, cultures, languages and ethnic groups.

Because Santa Fe finds our gifted students and challenges them, they grow and stay motivated. They stay in our public schools and thrive here, improving themselves and contributing to our community.

Our commitment to equity and excellence is to both schools and the future of our city and state. House Bill 130 would require that all students have access to practices that have helped Santa Fe Public Schools' continued growth toward equity and excellence.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

cc: The Honorable D. Wonda Johnson, Vice Chair
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