



NEW MEXICO STATE GOVERNMENT VIOLATING LAW AS IT SEEKS TO PERMANENTLY ELIMINATE FLOYD, NM SCHOOL BOARD

*RPNM: STATE'S AUTHORITARIAN LEGAL TACTICS MUST
BE STOPPED-- SCHOOL BOARDS MUST HAVE LOCAL
CONTROL IN THEIR COMMUNITIES*

Albuquerque, August 5--The Republican Party of New Mexico is alarmed and outraged that the Lujan Grisham Administration is seeking legal action to permanently do away with the Floyd, New Mexico School Board. The state is blatantly exceeding its authority in this attempted takeover.

The Governor and the Public Education Department is again putting politics before pupils.

There must be local control of schools across our state.

It is imperative that school districts across New Mexico make decisions in the best interests of their students and school employees. Our school boards have the duty and the right to make decisions as a self-governing body. These members know what's best for students in their communities.

This is another bully tactic by the Governor and the state's Public Education Department—which has now had three Secretaries and been under fire during the Governor's tenure-- and an absolute abuse of power.

“The Governor continues her authoritarian ways. She is deliberately ignoring the rights and actions of the local school board and to use the courts now to gain state control is morally wrong and illegal,” said Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Steve Pearce. “This is another tactic by the state to instill fear to school boards across New Mexico. It’s shameful the Governor would act in this dictatorial manner. New Mexico’s public education system is the worst in the nation, and she should be taking measures to fix this enormous problem, instead of seeking this power grab.”