



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO STATEMENT ON THE GOVERNOR ENLISTING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND HERSELF TO SERVE AS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Albuquerque, January 24—The following is a statement from RPNM Executive Director Kim Skaggs on the Governor's decision to put National Guard troops into the state's classrooms and to volunteer herself as a substitute teacher:

"Once again the Governor isn't putting New Mexico students first. Our children are now being taught by people who are not certified educators. It's clear that students are not the Governor's priority when it comes to education. You need quality teachers in our schools. Our education system remains the worst in the nation. This is an act of desperation and poor government leadership. New Mexico's National Guard shouldn't be put into this position. It's unfair to them and it's unfair to our students."

"As far as the Governor teaching in classrooms herself, it's just a publicity stunt. This Governor has failed our students and failed to invest in our education system. The lack of teachers is a blatant result of the Governor and Democrat-led legislature refusing to address our education crisis head-on. The Governor has jeopardized our children's future by allowing this teacher shortage to happen and not taking the appropriate actions to fix our education problems."