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GOP reaction to schools reopening in NM

Santa Fe, NM- The State of New Mexico today announced a plan to facilitate student reentry in public schools, just past the halfway point of the spring semester and a year into a statewide education shutdown order by the Governor.

“I wish that we could say this was a collaborative effort on behalf of our children and teachers, and I am happy that the massive public outrage has allowed for reopening of our schools,” said House Republican Leader Jim Townsend (Artesia). “Early on we announced legislation that would have tremendously helped allow schools to reopen, and we have continued to hear a steady stream of calls from New Mexicans of every walk of life calling to say they want to reopen New Mexico. Every New Mexican that has called the Governor or the legislature asking for schools to reopen should be proud that their efforts pushed Governor Lujan Grisham to do the right thing by our education system.”

“The Governor’s prolonged shutdown has had a devastating effect on our school children and their families,” said House Republican Whip Rod Montoya (Farmington). “While I am happy that schools will reopen next month, I hope that a year of lost education is not too much to overcome. Governor, now it’s time to save New Mexico jobs.”

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