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**Governor signs executive order directing 25% cut
in administrative education paperwork**

*PED to reduce reporting requirements for districts, charter schools to
further increase focus on teaching and learning*

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham today signed an executive order directing the New Mexico Public Education Department to reduce burdensome reporting requirements by 25%, enabling school leaders to spend more time educating students and less time on paperwork.

“Our kids should be the focus of everything we do at New Mexico schools, and teachers and administrators did not choose these professions to spend their days filling out paperwork,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. “While we need robust data reporting and collection to track our students’ progress, we have a responsibility to streamline those requirements and ensure they are not overly burdensome. I hope this executive order has education professionals breathing a sigh of relief today.”

Executive Order 2022-058 sets three deadlines:

- The department must complete a comprehensive review of administrative reporting requirements for schools and school districts;
- By the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year in August, the department must streamline those requirements in a way that cuts the amount of time spent by teachers and administrators to meet them by 25%;

“We rely on districts and schools to provide important information to improve our education system, but we want to make it as easy as possible to meet those requirements so educators can better focus on the real task at hand: educating our kids,” said **Public Education Secretary Kurt Steinhaus**. “In addition to reducing paperwork, we’ll be improving efficiencies and the quality of information so school leaders can make better decisions, like how to improve math instruction or how to better help kids learn to read.”

The executive order focuses on reducing two types of administrative requirements: program reports and data collection. Additionally, the order urges improved efficiencies and customer service in financial practices and educator licensure.

The department will evaluate the impact of these changes throughout this school year and that information will be used to identify further changes that may be needed for the 2023-2024 school year.

“A reduction of 25%? If that’s our goal, I want to do whatever we can do on our end to make it happen,” said **Superintendent Ralph Ramos of Las Cruces Public Schools**. “We are so appreciative of this initiative and the way the governor has listened to school leaders and heard our pleas for help. This is just fantastic.”

“In a small district, the reporting inordinately falls on superintendents and school leaders who are also balancing other tasks like evaluating staff, guiding instruction, directing assessments and sometimes even driving a school bus,” said **Logan Municipal Schools Superintendent Dennis Roch**. “So reducing burdensome reporting can free district leaders to focus on the primary goal of teaching and learning.”

The signed executive order is attached.

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State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-058

REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS IN THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Public Education Department (“PED”) has the authority and responsibility to ensure that its teachers and administrators spend as much time as possible focusing on educating students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. PED shall conduct outreach to teachers and school administrators to determine best practices to streamline reporting and other administrative burdens.
2. By the start of the 2022-23 academic year, PED shall identify and implement changes to reduce administrative burdens for teachers and school administrators by at least 25%.

I FURTHER ORDER and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, policies, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY 2022

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

