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House GOP response to Lujan Grisham's dismal student test scores

SANTA FE – Today Governor Lujan Grisham's administration held a private zoom meeting to share the dismal outlook on her education department. According to the Public Education Department, 75% of New Mexico students are not proficient in math and two thirds are lagging in reading or science.

"This Governor has done what no one thought was possible, put our children's education even further behind," said House Republican Leader Jim Townsend (R-Artesia). "For three years, Lujan Grisham blocked any testing and only allowed testing to resume because it is an election year. It is exceptionally dangerous to allow a politician so much power in upending our fragile school systems."

The Lujan Grisham administration's bleak education outlook was shared with select stakeholders just hours after the New York Times published a [report](#) on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, which reveals nationally a decline in reading and math proficiency.

Rep. Townsend continued, *"There are fifty highly motivated conservative candidates running for State House, and I can guarantee that each of them will put our state's students at the forefront and not leave them behind as the progressive-bloc has done thus far. When we pick up seats in the legislature, parents and students can expect more leaders in Santa Fe that want to hear from them instead of union lobbyists. House Republicans will again carry legislation in January to fund the student, not the system and other [transformative education proposals](#) that will prevent the machinations that Lujan Grisham has used to drive scores into the ground."*

[House Republicans polled New Mexicans and backed transformative education plans earlier this year, these proposals were summarily ignored by Democrat lawmakers that control committee hearings.](#)

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