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Dear Governor Martinez, Director Abbey, and Director Gudgel:

The Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Public Education Department (PED) are pleased to enclose the *New Mexico PreK Program Annual Report for School Year 2015-2016*. The annual report fulfills the responsibility of the CYFD and the PED under the statutory requirements of the PreK Education Act in relevant part as follows:

32A-23-4. NMSA 1978. Voluntary pre-kindergarten; interagency cooperation; contracts; contract monitoring; research. (2005)

- A. The children, youth and families department and the public education department shall cooperate in the development and implementation of a voluntary program for the provision of pre-kindergarten services throughout the state.
- D. The departments shall provide an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the progress of the state's voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

The CYFD and the PED are collaborating to provide exemplary PreK services to students. This report is a comprehensive compilation of data that describes the efficiency and the effectiveness of those services in our PreK programs. The report also includes data and information on CYFD's Early PreK Pilot program.

We look forward to working with you and all your stakeholders to ensure that the PreK program increases student benefits and reduces costs through expanded collaboration. We anticipate that this collaboration will additionally result in an enduring, high quality PreK program that safeguards a common set of high standards and benefits to all students in the program.

Warm Regards,



Monique Jacobson
Cabinet Secretary, Children, Youth and Families Department



Hanna Skandera
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Enclosure (1): *New Mexico PreK Program Annual Report for School Year 2015-2016*