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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Bilingual Multicultural Education Directors, Indian Education Directors, English Learner Program Directors, Title III Directors, World Language Program Directors, State Bilingual Advisory Council, College of Education Deans and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Mayra Valtierrez, Director
Language and Culture Bureau *MV*

RE: **Language and Culture Bureau, formally known as Bilingual Multicultural Education Bureau**

As part of the implementation of the Every Students Succeeds Act, the bureau will take a broader role within the agency and serve as the lead for language, culture and equity within the Teaching and Learning section of PED. The bureau will move forward as the Language and Culture Bureau (LCB). The LCB will serve as the agency contact on:

- implementing state-funded Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs;
- meeting Federal obligations to English Learners by providing English Learner Programs that support students in becoming proficient in English and achieving academically;
- leveraging the Title III English Language Acquisition Subgrant to maximize positive impact and outcomes for Immigrant students and students served in English Learner Programs;
- effective World Language instruction;
- the Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy on New Mexico Diploma of Excellence; and
- Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Instruction.

The LCB looks forward to continued collaboration as we work together to provide student-centered, equitable instruction that is culturally and linguistically responsive.

MV

cc: Christopher N. Ruszkowski, Secretary-Designate of Education
Debbie Rael, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, School Transformation
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Marian Rael, Acting-Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Finance and Operations