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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, Charter School Administrators, State-Supported School Administrators, and Bureau of Indian Education Administrators

FROM: Amanda DeBell, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

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RE: New Mexico State Appropriation-Career and Technical Education - International Baccalaureate Exam Fee Waiver FY27

The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) is pleased to announce International Baccalaureate (IB) test assistance to public secondary schools, state charter schools, and Bureau of Indian Education entities that offer IB programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

Consistent with other exam fee waiver programs, the NMPED will reimburse LEAs for 50 percent of the cost of completed IB college credit-bearing exams. The IB website can provide additional information regarding IB exams.

The cost for each IB college credit-bearing exam taken by eligible students will be reimbursed to the school after the completion of the exam. IB schools will be responsible for requesting reimbursement, with details to follow via email correspondence.

For more information, contact tierney.roberts@ped.nm.gov or call (505) 500-9286.

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