



Legislative Priorities on Education 2010

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports legislation and adequate funding for public educational programs from early childhood through higher education that help ensure students optimal prospects for success throughout life.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico believes that public education is fundamental to the understanding and maintenance of democracy and to the general well-being of individuals and of the natural environment. It believes that education should prepare individuals to be positive contributors to their families, classrooms, workplaces, and communities and to function within the global economy.

Regarding financing of public education, the League supports:

- The goals of the New Mexico Funding Formula as an effort to achieve equality and as an attempt to provide fair funding for every child, based on need, regardless of location;
- A periodic review and modifications to assure that the formula is faithful to its original intent and is aligned with the constitutional mandate to provide a sufficient public education to all children of school age;
- Local school district control of the distribution of funds from the state in conjunction with its approved Educational Plan for Student Success and appropriate measures to insure accountability; and
- Progressive taxation that must be equitable, taking into consideration relevant differences between persons, such as their annual income, certain, not arbitrary, convenient with respect to timing and manner of payment, economical to collect, and adequate to finance the essentials of government.

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