

Susana Martinez, Governor Brent Earnest, Secretary Mary Brogdon, Division Director

September 25, 2017

Mr. Johnnie S. Cain, Superintendent Mr. Henry Montaño, Assistant Superintendent Portales Municipal Schools 501 S. Abilene Portales, New Mexico 88130

Dear Mr. Cain and Mr. Montaño,

It was a pleasure meeting with you on August 17, 2017. I have spoken with a lot of school administrators in our local area. I appreciate your interest in ensuring the Portales School system has a strong attendance policy that leads towards academic success but also as required by state law (22-12-2 NMSA, 1978). Our meeting was energetic and successful. Regarding your request for a Letter of Support, I share with you in the interest of regular school attendance as it is essential for success in education.

The Human Services Department – Income Support Division Roosevelt County adds their support for improved and consistent school attendance. Studies indicate and we agree that consistent attendance increases the graduation rate and leads to higher education.

We are proud to be supporters of your policy on regular school attendance. We look forward to working with you and we embrace the participation, inclusion and student success at Portales Municipal Schools.

Yours sincerely,

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