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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Charter School Administrators

FROM: Katarina "Kata" Sandoval, Deputy Secretary, Academic Engagement 

RE: **Medical Cannabis in School Settings Resource Documents**

Senate Bill 204, Medical Marijuana in Schools, and Senate Bill 406, Medical Marijuana Changes, became law on June 14, 2019 and amended the Public School Code by providing parameters for the possession, storage, and administration of medical cannabis to qualified students for use in school settings (§22-33-5 NMSA 1978).

A public hearing was held on July 26, 2019 regarding the forthcoming New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) rule. In the interim, in order to assist school districts and charter schools with the implementation of the provisions of this new law, the NMPED has provided the following resource documents:

- Medical Cannabis in Schools - Guidance Regarding School Nurses
- Medical Cannabis in Schools - Policy Framework for Compliance with NMAC 6.12.10

While these documents may be used as reference, school districts and state charter schools may wish to consult with their legal counsel before developing and adopting local policies and processes on the storage and possession on behalf of, and the administration of medical marijuana to, qualified students in school settings.

Questions regarding the resource documents may be directed to Dean Hopper, Director, Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau at dean.hopper@state.nm.us and/or John Sena, Director, Policy Division, at John.Sena@state.nm.us.

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Enc: (2) Guidance Regarding School Nurses, Policy Framework for Compliance with NMAC 6.12.10

cc: Kara Bobroff, Interim Secretary of Education
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