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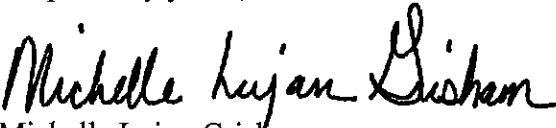
## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 23

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have signed SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 11, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025. This bill is a first step towards meaningful regulation of cellular phones and other electronic devices in schools. I am profoundly disappointed, however, that the Legislature amended the bill to make participation in such regulation optional. The Legislative Education Study Committee noted the clear correlation between electronic distractions during school hours and lower academic performance in its analysis of this bill. Once again, however, the Legislature squirmed out of taking a meaningful step to improve education under the auspice of local control. That is all well and good until this same body blames the Public Education Department—and not the local bodies—for poor educational outcomes of New Mexico students. I once again encourage the Legislature to hold local school districts accountable for educational outcomes. Our students deserve it.

Respectfully yours,

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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for By Jenna  
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