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MEMORANDUM

To: Johnnie Cain, Superintendent, Portales Municipal Schools
Art Ontiveros, Principal, Portales High School

From: Dr. Ryan Stewart, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Public Education Department

Cc: Robert Genoway, Chief, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department
Paula Hawley, Deputy Secretary, New Mexico Department of Health
Executive Leadership Team, New Mexico Public Education Department
Office of General Counsel, New Mexico Public Education Department

Date: May 7, 2021

Re: Notice of Temporary Shift to Remote Learning

Due to the rate of COVID-19 in your community, and in accordance with the current Public Health Order and in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH), the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) is ordering that **Portales High School** close within seven calendar days of this notice, and stay closed for 14 days. The school is required to cease in-person student services, with the exception of small groups, adhering to the 5:1 re-entry guidance.

School: Portales High School
Location: 201 S Knoxville Ave, Portales, NM 88130
Rapid Response Point of Contact: Laura Massey

Below is the information regarding Rapid Responses received in the last 14 days.

Rapid Response ID	Specimen Collection Date	School Notified of Positive Case Date
RR-10102	04/21/2021	04/23/2021
RR-10285	04/22/2021	04/27/2021
RR-10247	04/24/2021	04/26/2021
RR-10313	04/27/2021	04/27/2021
RR-10372	04/28/2021	04/28/2021
RR-10455	04/29/2021	04/30/2021
RR-10771	05/06/2021	05/06/2021

We encourage you to identify and notify all close contacts immediately as this helps us identify potentially impacted individuals and stop the spread the virus.

Should you have any questions regarding this action or the associated timeline, please reach out to your district's PED point of contact or Anne Marlow-Geter at (anne.marlowgeter@state.nm.us).