

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2014-135

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW MEXICO GROWN FRESH FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

WHEREAS, approximately fourteen percent of kindergarteners and almost twenty one percent of third graders in New Mexico are considered overweight or obese;

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program makes it possible for school children in the United States to receive a nutritious lunch every school day;

WHEREAS, 345,000 children participate in the school lunch programs throughout New Mexico, and more than 231,000 of those children are eligible to participate in free or reduced price school meal programs;

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program provides a reimbursement of \$2.98 for free lunches and \$2.58 for reduced-price lunches;

WHEREAS, for the 2014-2015 school year, school meal programs are anticipated to see an average increase in the cost of food equivalent to \$0.25 to \$0.75 per meal, but there will be a minimal National School Lunch Program increase of only \$0.06 reimbursement per meal;

WHEREAS, the healthy kid, healthy economy concept promotes the purchase of New Mexico fruits and vegetables for school lunch programs in order to enhance the diet of school children and help school meal programs comply with new Federal rules that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables in school lunches;

WHEREAS, there is an emerging agricultural sector in New Mexico comprised of small and medium size fruit and vegetable farmers, who can respond to this new food market for local produce in the school meal programs;

WHEREAS, increased funding from the state legislature will enable school meal programs and local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce and serve more fresh fruits and vegetables to our children for their health and well-being;

WHEREAS, increased funding from the state legislature for school meals programs also supports economic development and opportunities for our local farmers; and,

WHEREAS, increasing funding would assist school children and farmers within Santa Fe County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of the County Commissioners of Santa Fe County respectfully requests that the New Mexico State Legislature appropriate \$1.44 million to support the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables for school lunches.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 25th day of November 2014.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: *Daniel W. Mayfield*
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

11-25-2014



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shafer
Gregory S. Shafer, County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Deputy *Marcella Salazar* Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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