

**League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico (LWVSNM)**  
**2024 Revision - Education Position**  
**Consensus Building Questions – March 11 and 12, 2024**

**The Education Position provides foundational information for League advocacy of high-quality education in Southern New Mexico – 15 minutes**

*Do the ideas in the position statement align with your beliefs of what a quality, comprehensive, and equitable education should be?*

*Do the items align with your understanding of what the components should be in order to achieve a world class education?*

*Meeting the needs of students from culturally diverse backgrounds is a requirement for a high-quality education. This is especially relevant for students whose heritage language is not English. Does this position expressly convey that view? What are your thoughts?*

**Addendum**

**The addendum provides substance and specifics for the components of a world class education supporting the position.**

**1. Student Outcomes and Lifelong Learning - 5 minutes**

*Does Section 1 of the Addendum address issues and student outcomes that you believe are necessary for lifelong learning?*

*Does this section appropriately address how schools should be held accountable for preparing students to successfully enter the workforce and/or postsecondary education?*

*What comments or questions do you want to share?*

**2. Educators (teachers, administrators, and staff) – 10 minutes**

*Does the Educators section adequately describe the requirements for preparation, professional development, and professional practices of educators and schools? Should there be a separate section for practices on Civic Engagement?*

*Does the Educators section adequately address how educators attain continuous education to create multicultural learning experiences?*

*What comments or questions do you have about this section?*

### **3. Pre-K-12 Education – 10 minutes**

*How well does this section describe the assets, strengths, interests, needs, and supports for the education of all students, that you believe are required for a high-quality educational system?*

*What are the needs for early childhood education and care in Southern New Mexico? Does the description address the resource needs?*

### **4. Alternative School Systems – 5 minutes**

*Community schools require partnerships and supplemental funding. Do you have concerns that the League will be advocating for additional resources for community schools?*

*Does the Alternative School Systems section include all issues you consider to be essential for quality virtual, early college, alternative, and charter schools?*

### **5. Community Engagement – 5 minutes**

*Does the Community Engagement section include all elements that you consider essential for community engagement? What are your thoughts?*

### **6. Public Education Oversight, Guidance, and Funding – 10 minutes**

*Does this section adequately address the steps that PED and school boards should take for oversight and guidance of schools?*

*Does the section address the need for funding to meet the outcomes of students in Southern New Mexico?*