



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
300 DON GASPAR AVE.
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501-2786
Telephone (505) 827-5800
www.ped.state.nm.us

MARIANA D. PADILLA
INTERIM SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

February 20, 2023

David Zaragoza
Paper Education America Inc.
P.O. Box 29502 Ste. 64962
Las Vegas, NV 89126-9502

Dear Mr. Zaragoza:

This notice is to terminate the contract between the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) and Paper Education America Inc., Contract # 23-924-P527-00218, effective immediately.

The PED engaged with Paper as a vendor to build tutoring support for the State's students and in the two-and-a-half-month duration since the effective date of the contract, the pacing of enrollment and student engagement has not met the PED's expectations. It is clear to the PED that this service is not providing the results in terms of engagement, support, or delivery of service to the State's students. The PED has previously expressed concerns about the performance of the contract since its inception. Therefore, as referenced above, pursuant to Section 4 *Termination*, the contract is hereby terminated effective immediately. Please follow all procedures and protocols of the termination management provision of the contract in Pursuant to Section 4 paragraph D.

PED staff would like to conduct an off-boarding call with Grace Molina and the project team on Tuesday February 21, 2023, at 1:00pm MST.

Sincerely,

Mariana D. Padilla
Interim Secretary of Education

PPV/mp

cc: Philip Cutler, Jacob Geller, Paola Peacock-Villada, Seana Flanagan, Feliz Garcia, Marian Real, Tyson Ledgerwood, Geoffrey Tager, Martha Pincoffs, Joseph Lovato, Anna Silva, Grace Molina