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TO: All NMSU Employees

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, NMSU Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan E. Arvizu".

SUBJECT: Marijuana use or possession

Despite the recent change to New Mexico law, marijuana use or possession is prohibited on all property owned or controlled by New Mexico State University (NMSU). This includes NMSU's Las Cruces campus, and all our branch campuses and other sites throughout the state.

The prohibition includes all open areas and buildings, such as outdoor spaces, classrooms, residence halls and dining halls. The NMSU Police Department and affiliates will continue to enforce the systemwide prohibition of marijuana.

These restrictions are in place because all NMSU locations throughout New Mexico are subject to the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act as well as the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. Specific information about these rules and possible sanctions for employees can be found in NMSU's Administrative Rules and Procedures manual in section [16.65](#).