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U.S. Department of Education
 Office of Innovation and Improvement
 Attn: Military Affairs Team
 400 Maryland Ave., SW
 Washington, DC 20202

Dear Military Affairs Team,

Eastern New Mexico University – Portales is encouraged by the efforts of the Biden Administration to support service members, veterans, and military families, and thus affirms support for the 8-Keys to Veteran’s Success.

Eastern New Mexico University – Portales recognizes the significant value that student veterans bring to our campus and believe that it is important that we ensure that veterans receive the best possible educational experience. We are committed to implementing and sharing promising practices such as:

The 8-Keys to Veterans’ Success

1. Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for veterans.
2. Ensure consistent and sustained support for veterans from campus leadership.
3. Implement an early alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career, and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
4. Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space (even if limited in size).
5. Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for veterans.
6. Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention and degree completion.
7. Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to veterans.
8. Develop Systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.

Executive Order 13607, “The Principles of Excellence”

We, Eastern New Mexico University – Portales, affirm support for “The Principles of Excellence” <http://www.enmu.edu/images/admissions/future-greyhounds/military-veterans/principles-of-excellence-18-19.pdf>. We, Eastern New Mexico University – Portales, acknowledge that this letter is not a confirmation with the “The Principles of Excellence,” however, which are administered through a separate process run by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Signature of President:  Date 10/24/24

Printed Name: Dr. James Johnston