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As an elementary music teacher in Albuquerque Public Schools, I urge the NMED to pass this workplace heat standard. My curriculum includes frequent dancing, and student outcomes suffer when learners cannot participate actively in the music making process. Evaporative coolers simply cannot cool classrooms adequately, especially the portables in which many of us teach, when outside temperatures are in the high 90's and 100's. It is unacceptable for our students and educators to suffer through extreme heat, and be asked to learn and teach when their hierarchy of needs for safety are not met.