## Estimathon®

Northern New Mexico College A Math Teachers' Circle K-6 Workshop, Summer 2018

**Instructions:** Estimate each of the following with an interval of the form [n, 5n] for some n.

No electronic devices are permitted! You may ask for clarification on anything you think is ambiguous; we may choose not to provide any clarification.

- 1. The total number of points scored by the University of New Mexico Lobos basketball team during the 2017-18 season.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. The quantity  $\sqrt[100]{2}-1$  (that is, the positive 100th root of 2, minus 1).
- 3. The total number of Twitter followers of Bill Gates (@BillGates) at 8:08 PM Mountain Time on 7/10/2018.
- 4. The number of positive prime integers less than 1,000,000.
- 5. The number of digits in 2018! (that is, 2018 factorial).
- 6. The fifth-smallest perfect number. (A **perfect number** is a positive integer equal to the sum of its proper divisors, meaning its positive integer divisors other than the number itself. The smallest perfect number is 6=1+2+3.)
- 7. The number of tons of chile produced by New Mexico in 2017.<sup>2</sup>
- 8. The 60th Fibonacci number. (Recall that 1 and 1 are the first two Fibonacci numbers, and each Fibonacci number after the first two is the sum of the previous two Fibonacci numbers.)
- 9. The total number of guests of the 2017 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta® 3
- 10. The least common multiple of A, B, and C, where A, B, and C are integers between 1 and 100 inclusive selected by Google's random-number generator yesterday.

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<sup>2</sup> According to the USDA's 2017 New Mexico Chile Production News Release

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> According to ESPN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> According to the Balloon Fiesta<sup>®</sup>'s Economic Impact & Guest Research Report.