

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCING

ISSUES & PRIORITIES



PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY
OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE
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Overview of Presentation

- NMSBA Overview
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NMSBA Mission

“To assist local school boards to provide the best education possible to all public school students in New Mexico”



NMSBA Objectives

- ✓ Identify the proper role of school board members and provide training
- ✓ Encourage efficient and effective administration of public schools
- ✓ Provide information to school boards
- ✓ Provide public understanding of school boards role in education
- ✓ Represent school boards at the Legislature and Congress



NMSBA Organization

- NMSBA is a 501(c)3 organization
- Incorporated in 1958 – 66 years of service
- 89 School Boards - 100% membership
- Staff of three full time professionals
- Located in Santa Fe



NMSBA Governance

- Executive Board – 5 State Officers
- Board of Directors – 40 Members
State & Region Officers, Large District Reps
- Regions – 8 Divided geographically
- Committees – Legislative, Nominating,
Policy, Others as needed



NMSBA Services

- Communication Services
- Legislative & Advocacy Services
- Training Services
- Conference Services
- Policy Services
- Miscellaneous Services & Awards



Legislative Advocacy





NMSBA Advocacy Services

- Attend State Legislative hearings and committee meetings
- Coordinate with NM Education Partners & NMPED
- Prepare Legislative Updates and issue Calls to Action
- Represent Boards on Committees, Task Forces and Work Groups



Advocacy Process

- In August of each year NMSBA issues a call for resolutions enabling local school boards to express their local legislative priorities.
- NMSBA's 24 member Resolutions/Legislative Committee conducts a comprehensive analysis of the resolutions and develops recommendations.
- Our full membership meets at our Annual Convention in December for discussion, debate and adoption.
- Once adopted our Legislative Program represents the collective voice of New Mexico's 89 boards.



Priorities



NMSBA Priorities

NMSBA's three guiding principles utilized to evaluate and prioritize legislation affecting public education are:

1. Local Decision Making
2. Sufficient Funding
3. No Unfunded Mandates



NMSBA Priorities

- **NMSBA** believes that school facilities have a profound impact on both teacher and student outcomes.
- School facilities affect teacher recruitment, retention, and commitment.
- School facilities affect student health, behavior, engagement, learning, and growth in achievement.



NMSBA Priorities

Current priorities include:

- **NMSBA** supports continued PSCOC funding for standards and systems projects, and preventative maintenance programs.
- **NMSBA** supports continued funding for broadband, school safety, AC/HAVC upgrades and renewal energy programs.



NMSBA Priorities

- **NMSBA** supports the removal or reduction of local matching requirements for all projects including school security, Pre-K, and CTE projects.
- **NMSBA** supports the removal of offset penalties on Public School Capital Outlay projects imposed when districts obtain legislative funding for capital projects.



Issues



NMSBA Issues

- Cost of Construction – skyrocketing cost of construction – particularly in rural areas
- Matching Requirements – Despite SB 131 reductions there is lack of sufficient local capacity to provide required match
- Matching Waiver Requirements – Increased demand for waivers despite SB 76 fix
- Teacher Housing – Demand and costs continue to grow throughout NM
- Streamline Process – Continue to simplify application and administrative processes



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