# Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force

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# **Opportunity Out of Challenge**

- Our Children Deserve the best we can give them for the simple fact that they are our children.
- Despite best efforts of very capable and talented educators educational and social emotional gaps remain what can we do differently to meet the needs of our students?
- Yazzie-Martinez findings
- Legislative Appropriations
- Impact Aid
- Carbon-Capture student opportunities Bond Wilson

### **CCSD Demographics**



#### Rural and Remote

long travel time to bus stop and then long bus ride to school
Spotty, if any, access to internet
30 to 40 % of families do not have electricity, potable water, indoor plumbing (in remote areas this is as high as 70%)

Poverty rate is almost 4 times the national mean
lowest median family income of \$14,000
lowest per capita income of \$4,788
More than 75% of Navajo School Age Children live in poverty
Unemployment 70%
Free and reduced meals

#### **CCSD Demographics**

No municipal amenities
Unless provided by the School District there are little to no municipal amenities (i.e., no public libraries, no municipal swimming pools, no rec centers, no parks)

Less than 2% taxable property

•80% of the District's tax revenues come from the San Juan Generating Station and Mine and the Four Corners Power Plant

#### **COVID PANDEMIC:**

•Spotlight on poverty and lack of access to technology and infrastructure and daily meals

Heightened social emotional needs of students

- Increased Child Homelessness
- •Exponential increase in Learning Gaps

### **Plant Closure-Disproportionate Impact**



## Challenges;

COVID PandemicIdentified LearningGaps:

Historic/Current re Impact Aid
Yazzie-Martinez
Remote/Rural
Poverty
COVID
Potential Plant Closures •Shorting of operational budget for below standard facility needs

Increasing match •Poverty and Social Emotional Trauma

•Historic Underfunding of Capital and Maintenance/ technology infrastructure

# Thank you for representing and fighting for the needs of our students