

# How to Pass a Successful Bond Election & 2023 Public School Facilities Authority Update

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Partnering with New Mexico's communities to provide quality, sustainable school facilities for our students and educators.



## Agenda

- Facilities Master Plan and Passing Bonds
- Senate Bill 131
  - Changes to State Local Match
  - Legislative Appropriations (offsets)
- House Bill 505
  - Career Technical Education
  - Security Infrastructure
  - Pre-kindergarten
  - Cameras for Buses
  - Buses
  - Tribal libraries
- Application Process Related to HB505
- Current PSCOC Programs

#### Overview of Facilities Master Plan

- Master planning is the beginning of project development
- State Statute requires five-year facilities master plans (FMP) for any district applying for PSCOC funding
- Identifies priorities and projects that may require bond funds such as
  - New or replacement schools
  - Systems improvements/replacements
  - Site Improvements

#### Facilities Master Plan & the Bond Election Process

- FMP is the starting point and foundation for building community support for bond elections
- Planning demonstrates a strategy behind facility improvement decision making in order to maximize taxpayer dollars
- Utilizes community engagement for identifying facility needs and priorities
- Community involvement is key
  - Those involved in the FMP process can advocate for bond passage

### Community Involvement in the FMP Process

- There are various methods to involving the community:
  - Steering Committee
  - Surveys
  - Districtwide community meetings
- At a minimum, the process should include the following persons:
  - District administration (superintendent, business manager, department heads)
  - School Board members
  - Principals/Teachers
  - Support staff (maintenance, IT, custodial)
  - Students
  - Special program staff (OT/PT, SLP)
  - Neighborhood organizations
  - City, county, tribal, regional planners
  - Business leaders

# **Establishing FMP Priorities**

- Community evaluates facilities data, demographics, capacities/utilization
- Through FMP process, community develops list of projects
- Examination of the financial resources needed to implement, including bonds
- Based on data, community prioritizes projects, some of which will be part of the GO Bond question

# FMP Planning Strategy (Example)

School	Priority	wNMCI	Primary Recommendation	Analysis	Estimated Total Project Cost (millions)	Potential Source of Funds
Elementary School A	1	68.75	Full Replacement for enrollment of 400 K-5th	Most systems beyond useful life, structural and foundation issues throughout	\$60.50	PSCOC, GO Bond
				Structural and systems issues in classroom building and old gym. Cafeteria serving line inadequate for enrollment	<b>Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q</b>	
High School A	2	40.75	~		\$75	PSCOC, GO Bond
Elementary School B	3	24.85	HVAC Replacement	System beyond expected life	\$5.60	GO Bond
Middle School A	4	5.5	General maintenance	School five years old; replace door knobs in gym, unclog scuppers	\$1.20	GO Bond
			Potential consolidation,	School's utilization rate is 50% with 12 vacant classrooms. Potential for increasing enrollment in Elementary School A project and dispose		
Elementary School C	5	18.55		of site		

### Changes to State Local Match FY23-FY27(SB131)

#### Senate Bill 131

- Reduces Local Match in Fiscal Year 2024 2026:
  - Standards and Systems-based awards:
    - By 1/3 for school districts with more than 200 MEM
    - By ½ for school districts with less than 200 MEM
  - Pre-Kindergarten awards:
    - By ½ for all districts
- Removes Offsets
- Takes effect July 1, 2023

# Career Technical Education, Pre-kindergarten Facilities (HB505)

#### House Bill 505

- Career-Technical Educational Facilities, Pre-Kindergarten Facilities, or Maintenance and Repair of Public School Buildings
  - \$65,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2024
  - Minimum distribution of \$100,000
  - District appropriation amounts will be calculated as the percentage of each district's SB-9 distribution percentage attributable to the whole

#### School Security Infrastructure

- \$35,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2024
- Minimum distribution of \$50,000
- District appropriation amounts will be calculated as the percentage of each district's SB-9 distribution percentage attributable to the whole.

# Cameras, School Buses and Tribal Libraries(HB505)

- House Bill 505
  - Cameras for new School Buses (PED)
    - \$315,000 in Fiscal Year 2024
  - New School Buses District Owned (PED)
    - \$16,700,000 in Fiscal Year 2024
  - Tribal Libraries (PED)
    - \$20,000 in Fiscal Year 2024

# **Current PSCOC Funding Programs**

PROGRAM		ELIGIBILITY		
<u>Standards</u>	School / building replacement, renovation, or additions	Top 175 of current ranking, or campus FCI > 70%		
<u>Systems</u>	Building system replacement or upgrade	Top 350 of current ranking, or campus FCI > 70%, or specific systems with condition deficiencies		
<u>Pre-Kindergarten</u>	Pre-Kindergarten facilities and classrooms – renovation or additions	Any school facility, must have a Pre-K program		
Teacher Housing	Teacher housing units in rural areas with no available housing	No available housing in rural community		
<u>Lease Assistance</u>	Lease reimbursement for charter schools and district schools	School leases facility		
<u>Facilities Master</u> <u>Plan Assistance</u>	FMP funding assistance	Five year master plan has expired, or is expiring soon		

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# Thank you!



