

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

On September 15, 2021, the New Mexico Land Grant Council discussed recommendations to request a transfer of PISD’s historic schoolhouse in Las Trampas to the land grant. The council voted in favor of sending a letter to PISD supporting a request by the Santa Barbara Land Grant to use the historic school in Las Trampas for Land Grant offices.

On April 13, 2023, the school board of PISD considered a motion to dispose of real properties, including the Las Trampas Escuelita. After discussing matters in executive session, the board did not recommend a motion for moving forward with the Las Trampas property but decided to revisit the issue at a later date.

In recent years, the escuelita building has been used as a community center for youth activities, social gatherings, polling location, and a meeting space for MDWCA, Las Tramps Acequia No. 1 Association, Trampas Land Grant, and Trampas Forst Council. MDWCA has a \$25, 25-year lease agreement with PISD to use the facility that expires in 2024.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Between the early 1900s and 1961, the escuelita building in Las Trampas was used as a school for children. In 1961, little schools in Las Trampas, Vadito, and several other nearby communities were consolidated into one campus in Penasco.

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