

### Brief History of Zuni Lawsuit

1999	<p>District Court ruled that public school capital outlay funding in New Mexico was violating the State Constitution guarantee: establishment and maintenance of a <i>“uniform system of free public schools sufficient for the education of all children of school age.”</i></p> <p>Court ordered the State to <i>“establish and implement a uniform funding system for capital improvements and for correcting past inequities.”</i></p> <p>Public School Facilities Authority (previously known as Deficiencies Correction Unit) created to carry out the task.</p>
1999 - 2001	PSCOC develops draft “Facility Adequacy Standards.”
2002	<p>PSCOC adopts first version of the Adequacy Standards in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the minimum acceptable level of physical condition and enrollment capacity of school buildings.</li> <li>Provide a measuring stick to evaluate any existing public school building.</li> <li>Define minimum sizes of select space types and minimum performance criteria for educational spaces, based on PED Standards for Excellence.</li> </ul>
2002 - 2004	Statewide assessments and first ranking of schools.
2004 - Present	Funding awards, based on the statewide ranking.

### Recent Timeline

2020	December: District court rules in favor of Gallup-McKinley County Schools. Court decision PSCOA system is unconstitutional
2021	<p>February: State files a motion for post judgement relief</p> <p>June: District court denies the state’s motion for post judgement relief</p> <p>July: State files an appeal of the district court’s ruling from December 2020</p>
2022	<p>August: NM States Opening Brief in the appeal due</p> <p>September: Answer Brief submitted by plaintiffs</p> <p>December: Reply Brief submitted by state</p>

### Changes in Funding Sources

1950 - 2021	State takes credit for 75% of each schools distribution and redistributes based on "State Equalization Guarantee"
2020	August: Impact Aid Funding: \$18.8M, for maintenance, repairs and other infrastructure expenditures in school districts and state-chartered charter schools that receive federal impact payments for students residing on Indian lands
FY20 / FY21	Outside of Adequacy Funding: \$52.9M, for district spaces that are not typically part of the adequacy standards, nor funded by the PSCOC
2021	April 5: Impact Aid goes directly to Indian-impacted school districts
2023	July 1: state implements a 1/3 reduction in local match, 1/2 reduction in local match for districts with less than 200 students and a 1/2 reduction for Pre-k facilities for all school districts until FY27