



## **Shining Stars Preschool--The RRPS Experience**

Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force

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# Shining Stars Preschool

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- Public preschool for 3, 4, and 5 years olds (not including Kindergarten eligible students) receiving Special Education services in Rio Rancho, NM
- We also serve general education students through the NM PreK Initiative Grant
- Students:
  - Enrollment: 577
  - Waiting List: 437
  - 3Y Waiting List: Over 450
- SSPS was originally housed in an old elementary school. Due to deteriorating conditions, we built a new school which opened fall 2020.
  - \$17 M Voter Approved Bonds



# Challenges

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- Due to lack of space, we are only able to serve 30% of eligible 4 years olds.
- 98% of the grant we receive goes to staffing. We do not receive money for facilities.
- We can apply for capital outlay through the state, but there is only \$5M available statewide. In addition, we do not have money for a match as required.
- There are different requirements for a PreK facility vs. K-12 facilities. We must follow early childhood requirements.



# Full-day

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- SSPS students attend half days on M, T, Th, F
- Should we be required to move to full day, we would not be able to support our current enrollment.
- In order to meet the needs of our students on the waiting list and 80% of eligible 4 year olds in Rio Rancho, we would need 45 additional classrooms.
- Previous experience with a move to full-day--lessons learned



# Questions?

