

2026 Legislative Session Funding Request

\$500,000 to support a Statewide Nonprofit Organization to offer technical support for implementing the evidence based Community School strategy for school transformation in New Mexico.

Purpose

- Provide direct on-site support to Community Schools to strengthen school systems and practices.
- Empower communities to implement the Community School Framework, ensuring local voices guide decision-making.
- Deepen understanding of the Six Key Practices among school staff, families, students, and community members to foster meaningful engagement and improved outcomes.

Goal

- Continue professional development for Community School Administrators and fund the Community School Coordinator Fellowship to strengthen leadership capacity and support coordinators as key drivers of school transformation.
- Provide more site-based technical assistance, emphasizing youth voice and family engagement to ensure schools implement the community school framework effectively.
- Develop enabling conditions for transformation that support schools in implementing the framework effectively and sustainably.

Results

- Increased student and family engagement to strengthen connections between schools and communities.
- Reduced chronic absenteeism by addressing barriers to consistent school attendance.
- Improved student achievement through targeted supports and high-quality learning experiences.
- Culturally enriched learning opportunities that reflect and honor the diverse backgrounds of New Mexico students.



What We Do?

SWIFT works to build and improve systems of support that enable community schools across New Mexico to realize their full potential as a school transformation strategy—through co-developed technical assistance, a one-to-one support model, Micro-Credentials for administrators and coordinators, and professional development and coaching designed to strengthen youth and family engagement—helping schools leverage resources effectively and achieve positive outcomes for students, families, and communities.

Who We Serve

We serve Community Schools all across New Mexico— together with their leaders, educators, youth, families, and community partners—by advancing the community school model to strengthen systems of support, elevate local voice, and ensure authentic youth and family engagement that drives improved student outcomes.



Impact

Over 70 Community School Administrators and Coordinators have received a Micro-Credential in Collaborative Leadership

5 Regional Community Conversations convened to gather data on Statewide need for support

Launched inaugural Community School Coordinator Fellowship focused on leadership development

Partnered with the Learning Policy Institute to provide impact reports on the implementation in Roswell, Albuquerque, and Peñasco.

Technical assistance provided to schools, districts, and community coalitions to strengthen local capacity, improve school practices, and advance student and family outcomes.

