

**2023 PROPOSED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

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Background

Created by statute (Sections 22-24-7 and 22-24-8 NMSA 1978), the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force oversees the work of the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) and the Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) as they carry out the state's public school capital outlay program and other programs pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act (PSCOA). Task force membership consists of 25 members (or their respective designees), with both legislative and public members determined by statute.

Work Plan

The task force will address the following statutory requirements during the 2023 interim:

A. oversee the work of the PSCOC and the PSFA as they perform functions pursuant to the PSCOA, particularly as the agencies implement the statewide process for making grant awards;

B. monitor the existing permanent revenue streams to ensure that they remain adequate long-term funding sources for public school capital outlay projects;

C. monitor the overall progress of bringing all public school facilities up to the statewide adequacy standards developed pursuant to provisions in the PSCOA; and

D. monitor the progress and effectiveness of programs administered pursuant to the PSCOA and the Public School Capital Improvements Act.

In addition, as time permits, the task force will:

E. review the history of and receive an update on current developments in the *Zuni* lawsuit;

F. evaluate the effects of recent inflation on school construction and maintenance costs and assess the adequacy of the current funding framework to address the challenges posed by rapidly rising expenses;

G. receive the results of the Legislative Education Study Committee's analysis on school transportation funding, including possibilities for electric school bus funding;

H. receive the updated forecast of supplemental severance tax bond proceeds and review the long-term trends in severance tax revenue along with the range of upside and downside risks;

I. review the current development of teacher housing and consider the standards and criteria for allocating funds for future teacher housing needs;

J. consider the needs and funding structure for gender-neutral restrooms during remodels and in new construction;

K. review the expenditure of federal funds and possible additional federal funding opportunities;

L. examine the appropriateness, needs and requests for funding technology with capital sources;

M. evaluate the needs of cafeteria and kitchen facilities with the implementation of universal free and healthy school meals;

N. review the implementation and impacts of Senate Bill 131 (Laws 2023, Chapter 98), which temporarily reduces the required local match for project funding, forgives past offsets and eliminates future offsets for direct legislative appropriations and also makes appropriations for school security, career-technical education facilities and pre-kindergarten facilities;

O. examine how the statewide adequacy standards should incorporate the need for career-technical education facilities as required by Senate Bill 131 (Laws 2023, Chapter 98); and

P. as requested by House Joint Memorial 7 (2023), study public school heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and consider sustainable funding mechanisms for the assessment, repair, adjustment and replacement of HVAC systems.

**Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force
2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 26	Santa Fe
July 21	Santa Fe
August 25	Santa Fe
September 25	Santa Fe
November 3	Santa Fe