



**New Mexico School
for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

Annual Report to LFC~ 12/8/2020

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Our Ongoing Mission

NMSBVI, an innovative leader and unifying entity in the field of educating students birth-to-high-school who are blind or visually impaired, will identify students and promote quality education through collaborative relationships with students, families, and local/state/national partners through outstanding advocacy, training, resources, and support services, thus empowering all students who are blind or visually impaired to become independent, productive members of their communities.

Flexible Learning System

The 2019-2020 school year took a very unusual turn when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S. in late 2019/early 2020. NMSBVI immediately began to prepare our Continuous Learning Plan, which helped students continue to learn from the safety of their own homes for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

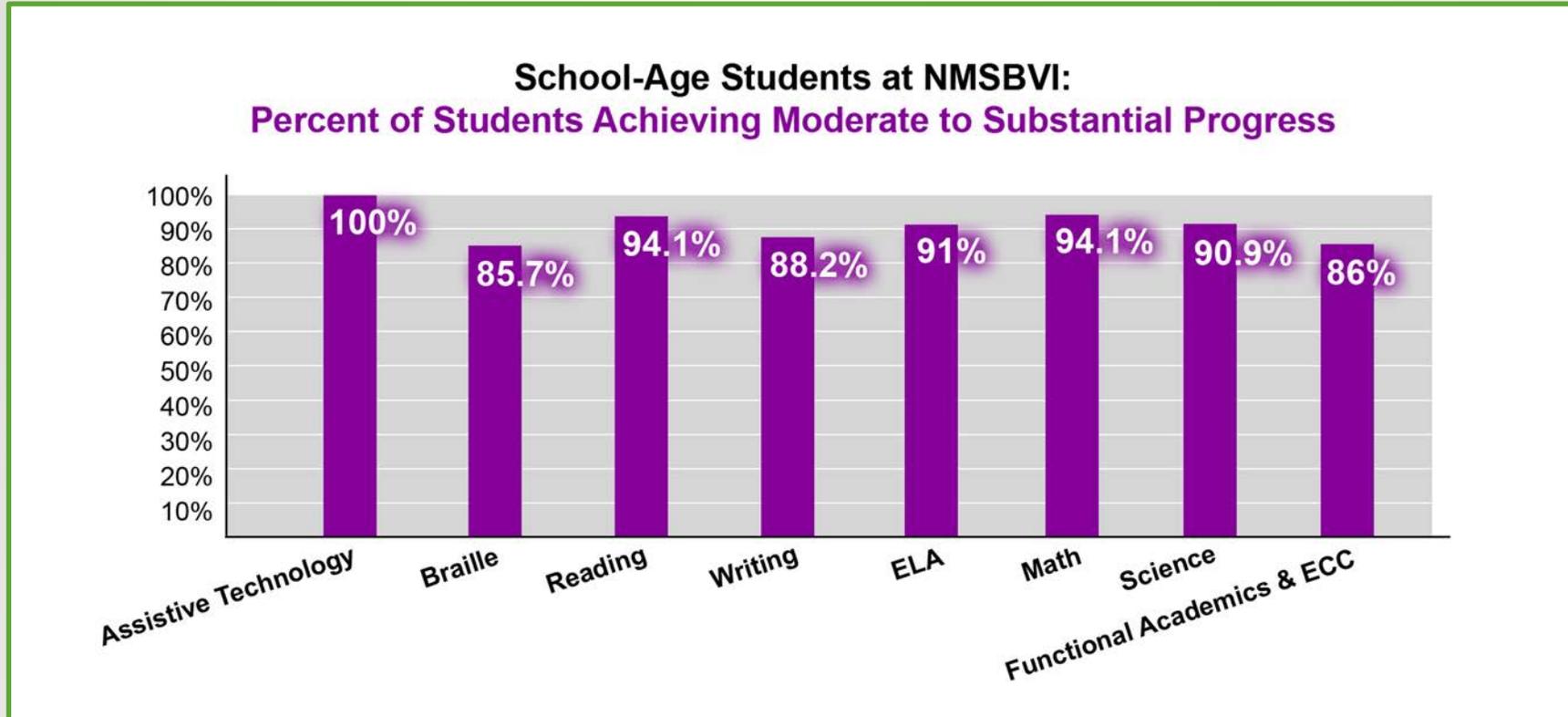
Unfortunately, the pandemic held on through the summer and into the new school year. In order to prepare a robust educational plan for our NMSBVI students, we prepared Flexible Learning Systems designed to ensure high quality, challenging instruction for our students in a variety of scenarios -- whether it be fully remote learning, hybrid learning, or traditional in-person learning.



NMSBVI prepared throughout the spring & summer by purchasing personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, technology and access for students and staff, and more. We up-graded our HVAC systems and put pandemic plans into place. We kept lines of communication open with families & staff by sending out surveys, making individual contact through emails and phone calls, and posting COVID-19 information and plans on our website. NMSBVI created a COVID-19 Task Force and a COVID-19 Planning and Response Team, which continue to meet on a weekly basis. NMSBVI remains in close contact with the NMPED, the Higher Education Department, the Department of Health, and the Governor's Office in order to stay current on this quickly changing situation.

We thank all of our partners at the state and local levels — including all of our families, students and staff — for coming together to figure out how to tackle the many challenges we have collectively faced. This experience has helped us to grow, to become more creative in how we teach and learn, and to be even more collaborative and communicative within NMSBVI and with our students and their families. We will treasure those gifts and build upon them in the coming years.

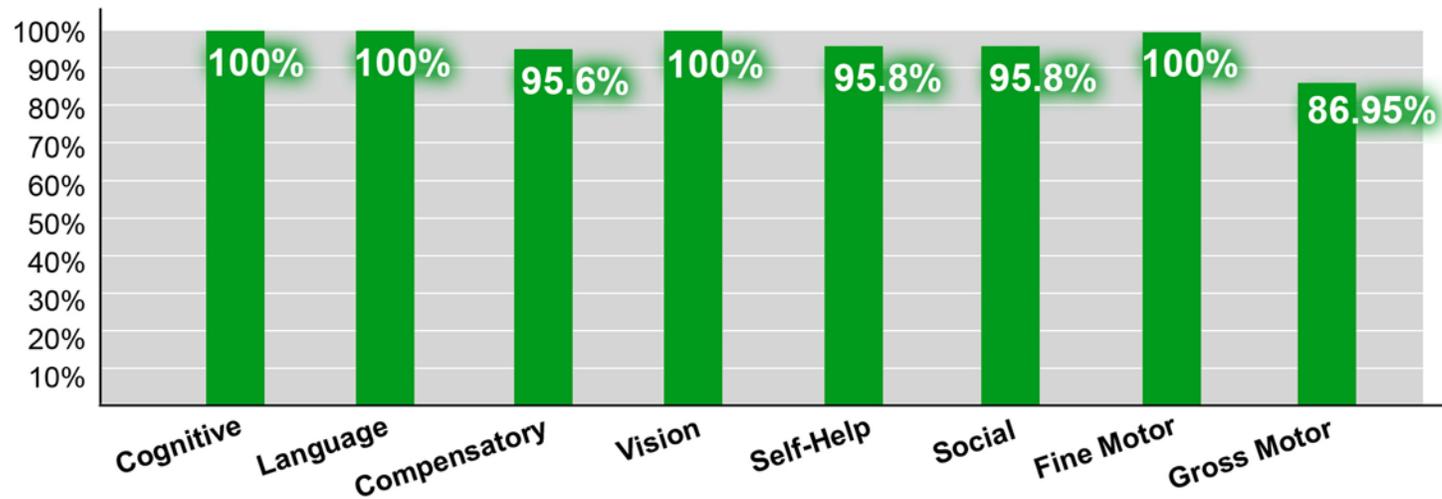
Student Achievement Data (School Year 2019-2020)



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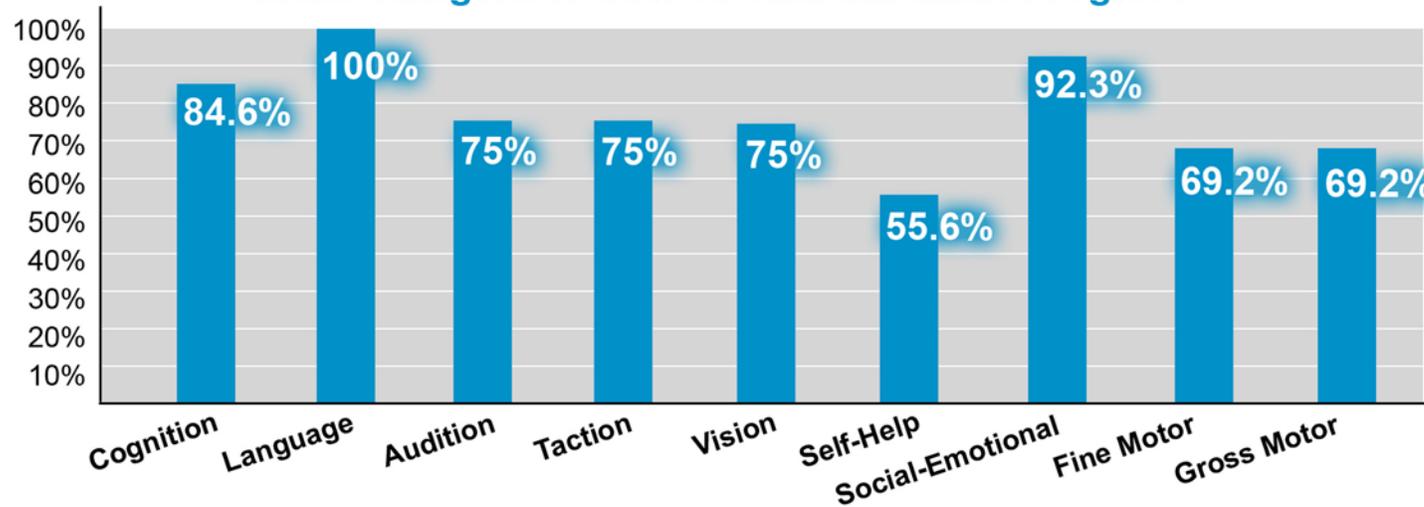
Oregon Project Categories: 96.7% of Students Made Progress



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Insite Categories: 78% of Students Made Progress



Students Served: Approximately

2,500



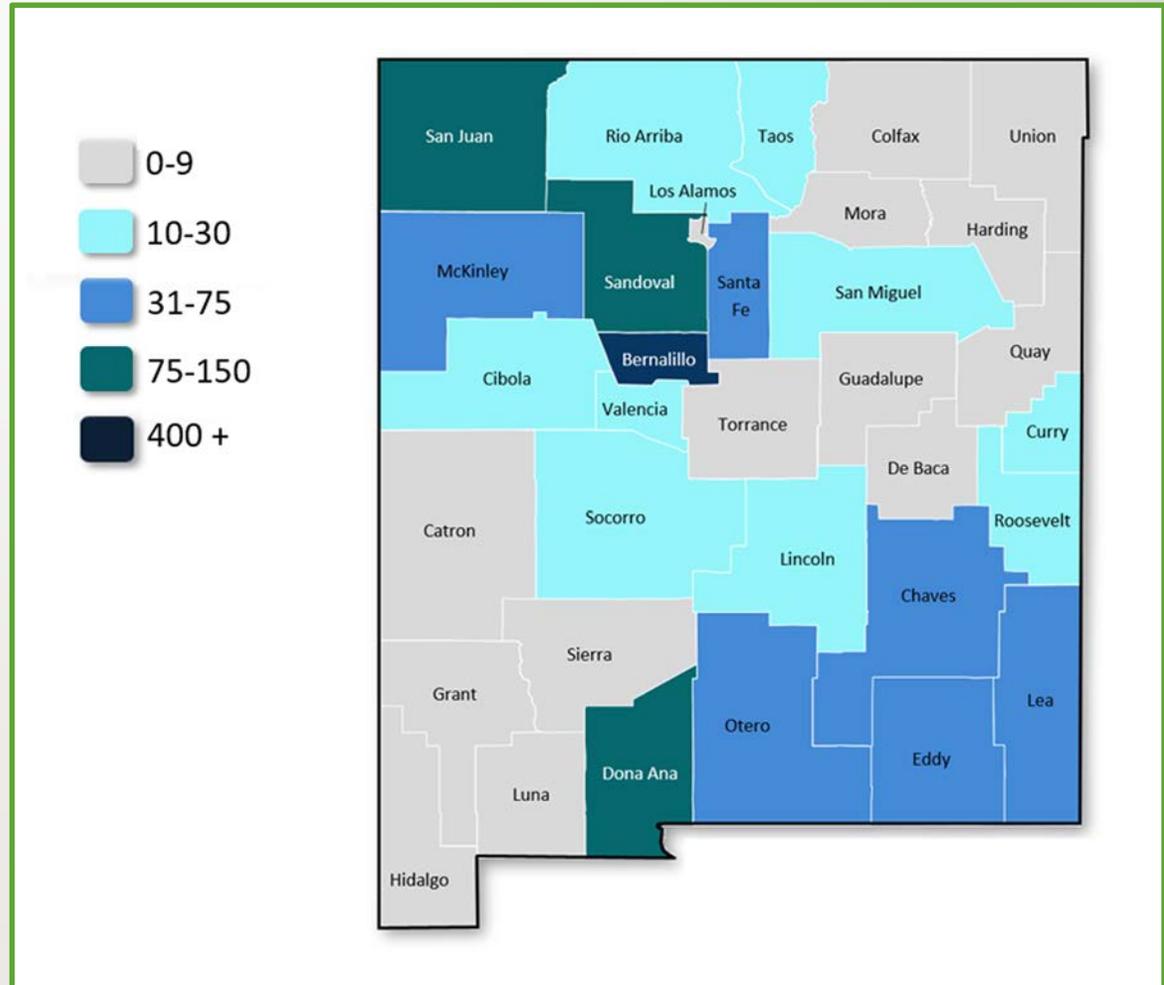
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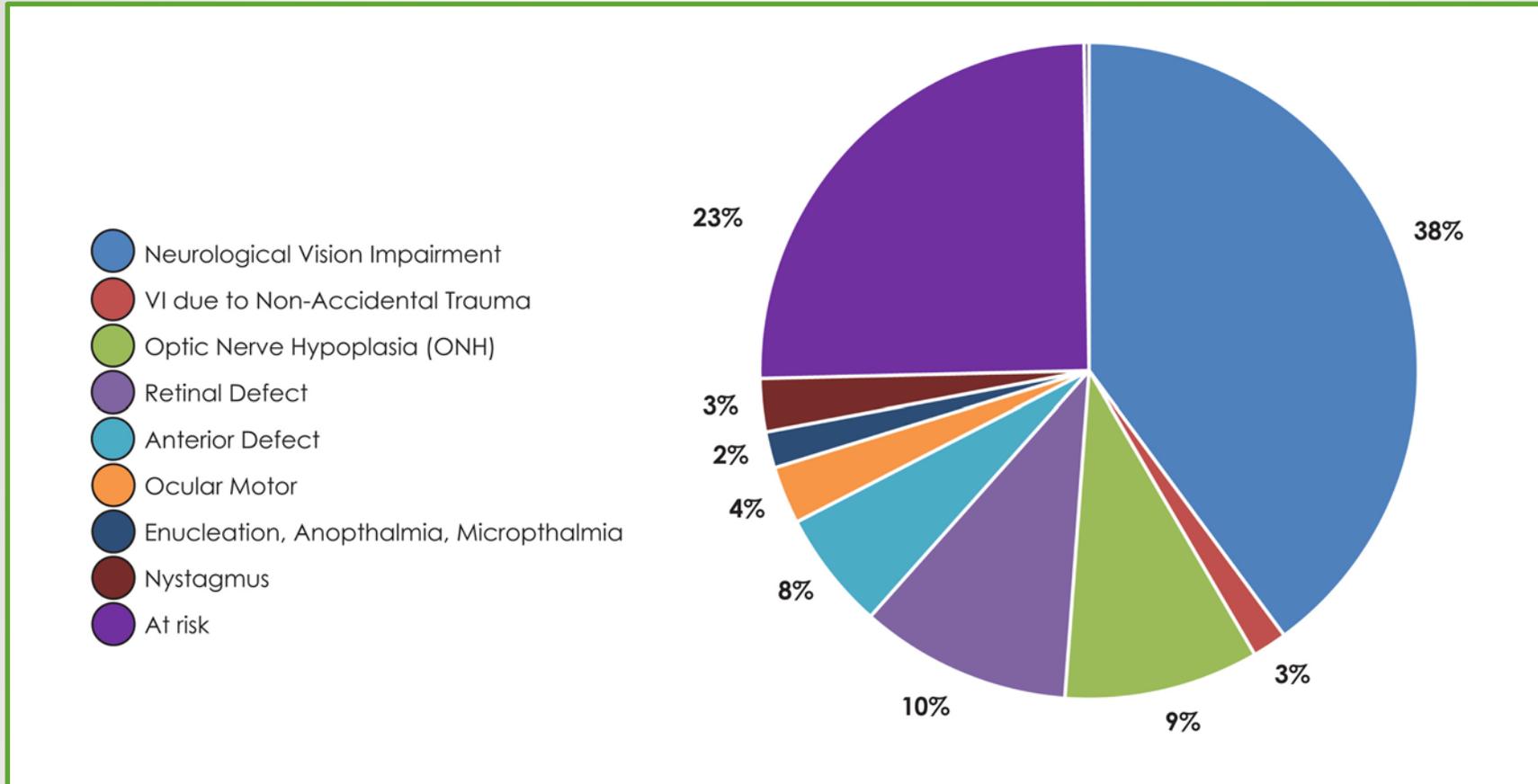
**Vision-Related Adapted Supplies
provided to New Mexico Students**

County Map

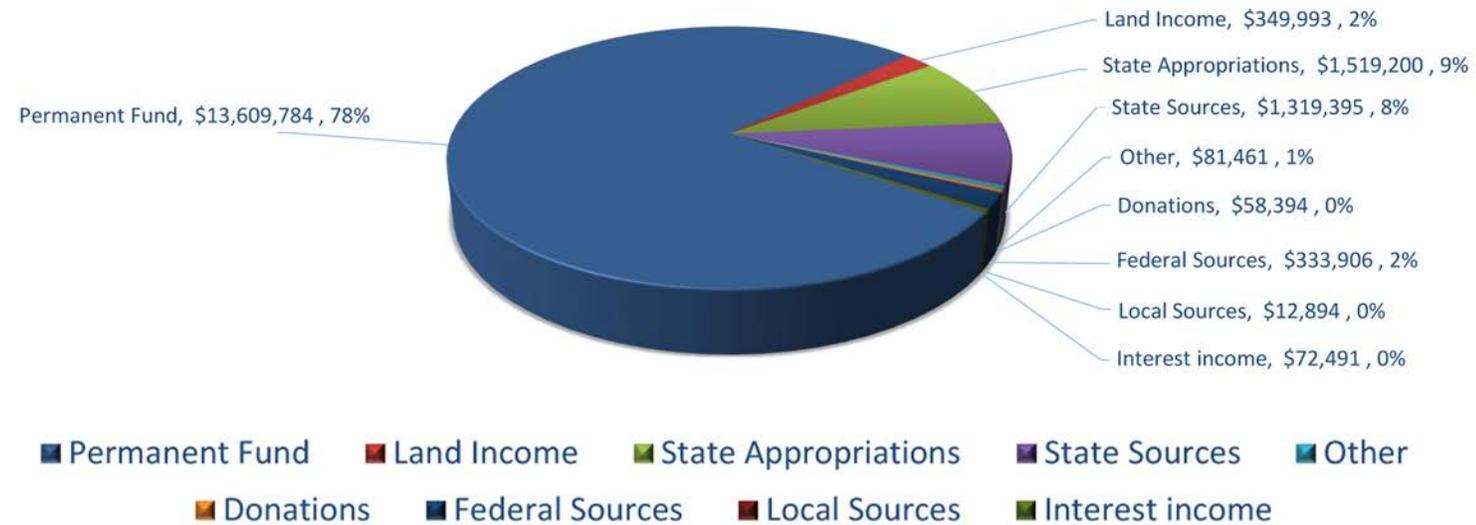
Children Served
on Caseload, by County
(School Year 2019-2020)



Statewide Vision Diagnosis (Data from July 2020)



Financials: FY20 Revenue



- **Funding Partners:** Like most schools, adequate funding is always an issue. Partnerships support NMSBVI's efforts to acquire the funding necessary to meet the needs of the school. We appreciate the support from the Land Grant Permanent Fund and the support from the New Mexico Land Office. The Navajo Nation provides funding for two developmental vision specialists. The 2020 Legislators provided funding for the Low Vision Clinic and the Early Childhood Program. We have been lucky enough to receive funding through the Legislature for much-needed capital projects for our Alamogordo Campus as well. Additionally, the NMSBVI Foundation provided funding for unmet needs of the school throughout the year.

THANK YOU
for your continuing support!



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