

Bloomfield Schools

Direct Legislative Appropriation (offsets)

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Thank you

- Thank you for the work you do on behalf of NM students
- Thank you for the opportunity to share our story
- It's understood that there are no easy solutions... we are willing to work together with the task force in hopes to find solutions

District Background

- Bloomfield is a small rural community
 - Population according to most recent census = 15,974
 - 11.2 % decline since last census in 2010
 - Decline equal to about 2018 people

District Background

- These declines impact our school district
 - Declining enrollment
 - ↓ SEG funding
 - ↓ 2-Mill Levy funding
 - ↓ Gas and oil royalties
 - ↓ Property tax revenues
- District student enrollment is approx. 2,592
 - 42.4% are Native American
 - Some of these students live on federal land and garner Impact Aid funding
 - Historically, our district like others in New Mexico have not received over 80% of that funding.
 - This funding could be used to support capital projects

Declines impact ability to adequately fund capital projects

District Background

- Bonding Capacity
 - Currently we are bonded to capacity

PED	Fiscally Conservative
47.82%	58.65%

- We are eligible to go out for bond again in 2024 with better position in 2025
 - If we did go out for bond, the maximum we could bond for is \$13 Million
 - Not enough to build a new school
- Note: It will have taken us approximately 14 years to pay off a new school construction debt (many of those years were in better economic times)

District Background

- Our funding formula from an economic perspective regarding the ability to fund capital projects...

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Impact on School District

- Our current budget for this type of work is ~ \$1.4 million
 - 7 schools
 - 3 buildings (warehouse, transportation, maintenance)
- Our lifeline for the past 3 years
 - CARES, ESSER, ARP
 - Air Quality Grant
 - Outside of Adequacy Grant
 - Impact Aid Capital Outlay Grant
- These funding sources have allowed us to maintain & upgrade our buildings

BSD Current Offset

- Current BSD offset = \$1,190,599
 - Offset generated between 2004-2010
 - Funds used to repair or replace needed capital projects in the district

Year	Narrative	Funded
2004	Swimming Pool and outdoor facility	\$200,000
2005	Swimming Pool and outdoor facility	\$340,000
2006	Ed Technology, Science Equipment, furniture	\$450,000
2007	BHS Auditorium Roof, Naaba Boiler	\$398,000
2008	Playground Equipment BECC	\$50,000
2010	District Boilers and HVAC	\$65,456

*Its hard for smaller district to generate funds for capital projects (2-Mill)

Offset Impact On School District

- Overall Impact on District because of the declines
 - The district's ability to fund capital projects
 - Maintenance, Needed upgrades to aging buildings and infrastructure, Replacement or Expansion
- Because of historical offsets, district is unable to participate in state grants
 - Security Grant
 - PSCOC Capital Funding Grants
 - Pre-K Facilities Grant
 - Teacher Housing
 - School Replacement

District met all other qualifiers for these grants

- Ranking status
- Match %
- Mill levy equal to or greater than 10
- Bonded beyond capacity

*Offset is what limited our ability to participate

Offset Impact on District

- Hard to pay down the offset when district not able to generate enough revenue to fund big capital projects
- We do qualify for the grants however...
 - District will fund entire project until offset is paid off
 - In turn, would generate funds to PSCOC/PSFA through offset payback

District Offset	+	State Price Match	-	District Share
\$1,190,599		3%		97%

District would see no funds because the 3% would be used to pay off offset

In Summary

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- Requesting a reset to historical offsets which are currently preventing access to supporting funds (grants) and also preventing a district's ability to maintain, upgrade, or expand capital projects.

Thank You

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