



## NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

### I. Excerpts from 2011 Legislative Program

#### Public School Capital Outlay

NMSBA believes it is critical the State continue to provide financial resources through the Public School Capital Outlay Fund to local districts to address the staggering construction and maintenance needs.

NMSBA supports funding for the Comprehensive Roof Replacement Initiative administered through the NM Public School Facilities Authority.

NMSBA supports the removal of offset penalties on Public School Capital Outlay projects imposed when districts obtain legislative capital outlay funding.

NMSBA supports legislation exempting public schools from impact fees imposed by governmental entities.

NMSBA supports exemption of school districts from paying gross receipts tax on construction projects, thus maximizing local construction improvements.

NMSBA supports amending the Public Works Minimum Wage Act by exempting public schools, or increasing the \$20,000 minimum eligibility project cost to \$25,000.

NMSBA supports repeal of the statute that requires bonding for sub-contractors on school projects where the general contractor has already bonded the entire project.

#### Moratorium on New Schools

NMSBA calls for a moratorium on the creation of new public schools, charter schools and programs until the state's economy improves. As the Governor and Legislature face unprecedented demands to provide sufficient funding for existing schools it is absurd to utilize scarce resources for duplicative program, staffing and facility costs

#### Chartering Authority Clarification

NMSBA supports the clarification of charter school statutes pertaining to authority, capital outlay including property, audits, virtual schools, employees, governing boards and suspension.

#### Charter School Budget Approval

NMSBA supports a requirement for local board approval of charter budgets prior to submission to Public Education Department

## **II. 2011 Leadership Survey Results on Charter Schools**

- 1) 86% of our respondents feel the State cannot afford to fund both public schools and charter schools given the state of the economy.**
- 2) 66% of participants support a moratorium on the creation of any new charter schools.**
- 3) 70% of our board participants feel that charter school authorizations should be the sole authority of local boards.**
- 4) 75% feel it is not appropriate for charter schools to receive direct funding from the PSCOC.**
- 5) Almost 90% of our board participants feel it is not appropriate to require local boards to provide local bond funds to state chartered charter schools.**
- 6) Almost 90% of our boards feel that charter school governing councils are not held to the same standards as school boards.**
- 7) While board members are equally divided on positive and negative relationships with charter schools at 16% and 17%, most respondents -66% - report they do not have charter schools in their district.**