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## BOARD REPORT 05/13/2025

### Board Members:

#### **Krista McWilliams**

- Review End of Quarter March District Budget and the remaining balance for SY24/25
- Submit NMBSA Scholarship Ranking Sheet
- School Board Meeting 4/8/2025
- Review comments on J-3150 STUDENT POSSESSION AND USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES draft policy
- Finance Committee Meeting Budget Review 4/25/2025
- Review FMS GO Bond Election Analysis
- Research and propose 2026/27 Voluntary After-School Math or Literacy Tutoring program
- Attend UMATTR Banquet 4/28/2025
- Attend Project Search Graduation 5/7/2025

#### **Andra Stradling**

Webinar: Phone-Free Schools Impacts on Students Mental Health, Learning, and Connection

Audit Proposal Committee 5/4/25

Project Search Graduation 5/7/25

#### **Cody Diehl – Superintendent:**

#### **Safety and Security**

- Started process with FPD for ACSMs at Hermosa and Tibbetts
- Participated in external site assessments for Boys and Girls Club afterschool programs
- Continued Rocinante fencing project
- Started inter-district Radio Repeater Project
- Attended State School Security quarterly meeting (Albuquerque)
- Ordered / Obtained quotes for Elementary School Exterior Camera Project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attended Reunification training - McGee Park</li> <li>● Ordered signage for District Signage Project</li> </ul>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<p>In April, we shared our stories and school events, and updates through multiple channels, including our website, newsletter, PeachJar, social media, and direct calls and emails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Promoted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FMS Registration</li> <li>○ Breakfast and Lunch Highlights for the month</li> <li>○ FMS at KSJE</li> <li>○ Piedra Vista Theatre's Beauty and the Beast Bed &amp; Breakfast</li> <li>○ Author Ms. Alana Yazzie</li> <li>○ K12 Science Textbook Review</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Powerlifting</li> <li>○ Equity Council's Student Voices Conference</li> <li>○ Student Voices from Animas, McKinley, and Esperanza</li> <li>○ Heights' artwork to be showcased in Germany</li> <li>○ Heights' Art Legacy Project</li> <li>○ Apache's Diné Family Night</li> <li>○ 2nd Annual Native American STEAM Festival</li> <li>○ STEM Lab at Bluffview</li> <li>○ New Armed Campus Safety Monitors at Heights and FHS</li> <li>○ 4H Gardening Club's Second Class</li> <li>○ Sáanii Skirt Workshop</li> <li>○ Preschool Academy East celebrating Earth Day 2025</li> <li>○ CTE's Hospitality Class Tamale Making Class</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Celebrated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FMS Graduation Rates</li> <li>○ Graduation rates for English Learners and Students with Disabilities</li> <li>○ Graduation rates for Native American students</li> <li>○ Piedra Vista's Haleigh Doyle winning first place in powerlifting at state</li> <li>○ Piedra Vista's Chamber Choir winning second place at state</li> <li>○ Ladera Principal Ms. Heather Henegar, named New Mexico Administrator of the Year by the National Speech &amp; Debate Association</li> <li>○ 3rd Annual Farmington Jr. Chef Competition</li> <li>○ Project SEARCH</li> <li>○ National Signing Day</li> <li>○ Gifted and Talented Showcase</li> <li>○ Tibbetts celebrating Navajo Nation Sovereignty</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>PR also continues to inform parents, staff, and the community of weather delays/cancellations, school threats, and lockdowns, as well as other safety measures.</p>

<b>Equity Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student Equity Councils shared highlights of their year at the May District Equity Council meeting.</li> <li>● Sponsors will come together in July to plan for the new school year using their individual school's 90 day plan and Panorama data.</li> <li>● Erin Gockel attended the NMPED regional convening of Equity Council leads in Chama.</li> <li>● Embracing Equity will be hosting a one day workshop on Saturday, May 17th at FMS Central Office.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attended the NMASBO spring budget on April 9-11</li> <li>● Attended Project Search Graduation May 7th; looking forward to SJCHS, PVHS, FHS and RHS graduations coming up.</li> <li>● End of Year Reviews for Principals are scheduled for the week of June 2-4</li> <li>● Will attend the NMAA Board of Directors meeting on June 5, 2025</li> <li>● Will attend the NMSBA Law Conference on June 6/7, 2025</li> <li>● <i>We continue to refine the process for monitoring the leading indicators of HRS. It is a work in progress, but powerful collaborative discussions with school leaders are happening.</i></li> </ul>

**Isaac Gamboa - Executive Director of Operations & Athletics:**

<b>Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HVAC Projects 98% completed</li> <li>● PreK is in week 12 of construction of foundations</li> <li>● Other: McCormick Gym Restroom renovations are 98% complete PVHS HVAC project is started and ordering equipment for upgrades</li> </ul>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bond Projects: Reviewing Priority 4,5, and 6 requests, receiving quotes, scheduling for Summer break.</li> <li>● Building Request Status: Scheduling 24/25 projects for Summer break. Currently reviewing 25/26 building requests from the district.</li> <li>● Work Orders Completed: April, 813 requests completed</li> <li>● Transitioning from SchoolDude work order system to upgraded Brightly system will occur on May 30th,2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Nutrition</b>	<p>We have been audited by both NMPED SSWB and ECECD - we passed and there will be no more audits for this department until 2028.</p> <p><b>a. K12 by ELIOR PARTNERSHIP UPDATE</b></p>

i. **Games Concessions:** They are aware May 2025 will be the end of partnership and will provide an account balance for inventory handover.

b. **NMPED SSWB SPRING REGIONAL TRAINING** – We are hosting on 4/10/25 in the Boardroom from 8am - 4pm

c. **JUNIOR CHEF on 4/12/25** – 14 Teams registered and we are getting prepared at the FHS auxiliary gym it starts at 9am

d. **SHAC MEETING – 4/15/25** Final meeting of SY24/25 - 2 community speakers will be presenting. One from CYFD and the other from San Juan Partnership meeting is from 8:30 -10am

e. **BOOK SIGNING ON 4/21/25** – All of our 75 cooking class students and high school culinary students will receive their very own copy of the modern Navajo kitchen and it will be signed by Alana Yazzie the author. The event will be hosted from 4-6:30pm at the Board Building

f. **EARTH DAY ACTIVITY - 4/22** We will have our 5<sup>th</sup> annual activity available to students and host the challenge again.

g. **SUMMER PROGRAM 20254**

i. Will still operate under NSLP – SSO

ii. We will have meal deliveries via 10 bus routes

iii. We will also operate 11 community sites

iv. It appears that none of our sponsored schools will need meals over the summer.

v. All 5 childcare centers and the 1 Family emergency center will be in operation during entire summer

h. **GRANT UPDATES**

i. NM GROWN Grant – \$20K just received from ECECD

**J. FINAL SESSIONS OF COOKING CLUB & 4H GARDEN CLUB ARE STARTING.** 4H GARDEN CLUB ENDS ON 5/1/25 AND COOKING CLUB AT ESPERANZA & MCCORMICK ENDS ON 5/15/25

**K. GRADUATION BREAKFASTS, END OF SCHOOL YEAR BBQS & FIELD DAY EVENTS HAVE ALL BEEN SCHEDULED.**

**L. SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY - WILL BE CELEBRATED ON 5/2/25 AT BROOKSIDE PARK FROM 3:30-6:30PM**

**M.SY25/26 - NSLP AND CACFP APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AS OF YET.**

<b>Athletics and Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ FHS had both Boys and Girls Tennis teams earn 1st place in District 1-5A.</li> <li>■ Through cold, wind, hail, and rain, FHS boys golfer Connor Neff took 1st place District honors during our District 1-5A tournament at Pinon Hills Golf Course.</li> <li>■ FHS Tennis and Baseball teams will compete this weekend (May 8-10) at their respective State Tournaments while Track competes at District Tournament.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● PVHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Spring sports are their respective State Tournaments. Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Track and Golf all qualified.</li> <li>■ The Athletic Training Program competed in the Student Athletic Training Challenge and placed 2nd overall.</li> <li>■ Choir placed 2nd at state</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Chris Pash – Executive Director of Human Resources:**

Contracts for next year were sent out on May 2.

**Robert Emerson - Chief Technology Officer:**

**Technology Update - Changes to Student Laptop Policies/Procedures for SY 25-26**

**Elementary Schools**

This year, we experimented with sending laptops home with 5th graders. Our usage data shows that 5th graders were either not using the laptops at home, or using them for predominantly non-educational purposes. We will return to the previous practice of keeping the 5th grade laptops at school.

**Middle Schools**

Starting in school year 25-26, FMS laptops will be issued to middle school students for use at school only. This decision was made in collaboration with FMS Middle School principals, and is based on multiple data points.

1. Weekday, after-hours Internet usage data for middle school students indicates the following:
  - a. 30-35% of students are not using their assigned computer at home.
  - b. 45-55% of students are accessing non-educational resources, primarily YouTube.
  - c. Only 20-25% of students are accessing resources categorized by the FMS Internet filter as Educational.

2. We have seen an increase in damage of FMS computers, primarily at the Middle Schools. Middle school students account for 70% of secondary school computer damage but represent only 40% of the secondary school population. In financial terms, this has cost FMS over \$350,000 this fiscal year.
3. There is a growing body of evidence that excessive use of electronic devices is detrimental to student brain development and social/emotional health. This has significant impacts on student academic achievement and behavior.

Each middle school student will be assigned a specific computer once the FMS laptop contract is signed by a parent or guardian. Families will be charged up to \$100 per repair for any accidental or deliberate damage.

Laptops will be stored in classroom carts to charge overnight, with distribution based on school size (25 laptops per cart). Self-contained classrooms will receive smaller stations. A homeroom system will manage daily laptop check-in/out.

Middle schoolers taking high school classes will receive a laptop and charger for home use, following high school policies. For others, laptops will remain at school, with internet disabled after hours and YouTube blocked at all times. Teachers can use Classwize to unblock content during their class times.

More detailed, standardized procedures will be developed to guide computer use across middle schools, including protocols for special projects that require at-home access. These exceptions must be planned in advance with campus tech and office staff—no same-day approvals.

### **High Schools**

The only change at this level is to return to the policy of charging families up to \$100 per repair for any accidental or deliberate damage.