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PSCOC Approves State Funding Match for Barranca Construction



On Wednesday, Sept. 19, the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) approved \$8.8 million in state matching funds for the Barranca Mesa Elementary remodel project; the local match via Bond funding totals \$10 million. The total estimated cost for this project is \$18.8 million. These funds will go to construction for renovation of the existing Barranca facilities.

Superintendent Kurt Steinhaus said, “Thank you to the Los Alamos community for supporting this project, and thank you to the PSCOC Chair David Abbey and all the members of the committee.”

The Public School Capital Outlay Council manages the allocation of state funding to public school facilities in New Mexico’s 89 school districts. They are charged with ranking schools based on greatest need for remodeling, and they consider proposals from school districts for matching funds.

The PSCOC includes representatives from the executive and legislative branches of government, such as members from the Governor’s Office, the Department of Finance & Administration, the Public Education Commission, the Legislative Education Study Committee, the Public Education Department, the New Mexico School Boards Association, the Construction Industries Division, the Legislative Finance Committee and the Legislative Council Service.

The PSCOC reports to the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force, which is made up of legislators, senior leaders from school districts and charters, and members of the public.

Los Alamos also received \$266,145 for Pre-K classroom space at Barranca.

After five attempts, this is the first time the request for a match was approved. “Our patience and persistence paid off in securing the state match,” said Steinhaus. “Securing this funding was a real team effort. Thank you for the support from the school board and to everyone at LAPS that worked on this proposal.”

Andrea Cunningham represents Barranca Elementary on the School Board. She said, “I’m just so excited

and happy for the state funding. This provides a real boost to the entire Los Alamos community.”

The Barranca remodel is a two year project and is expected to be completed in spring of 2020. For updates and more information on the Barranca construction, click [here](#).

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