

Broadband Access across New Mexico
Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education
2021 NMSBA Resolution

Whereas, Census data estimates suggest that 66,000 New Mexico public school aged-children live without internet in their homes; and,

Whereas, between 13-20 percent of New Mexico homes and businesses do not have broadband available; and,

Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Information Technology reported to the Legislative Finance Committee in August 2020 that broadband infrastructure development faces challenges, because it is often seen as a private sector cost, rather than a public utility; and,

Whereas, development of broadband access is fragmented across several agencies and beyond the scope of funding to be solved by K12 Education; and,

Whereas, the global pandemic demonstrates both the necessity and the possibilities that may be realized by delivering health care, education, economic development and critical services that rely on universal broadband access;

Therefore, be it resolved that, the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education, along with the New Mexico School Boards Association, calls on the state to convene a statewide committee for the purpose of establishing universal broadband access to all citizens of this state; and,

Be it further resolved that any statewide committee include representation from the New Mexico School Boards Association, Superintendent's Association and New Mexico Public Education Department.