

Emergency COVID-19 Funding Relief
Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education
2021 NMSBA Resolution

Whereas, the funding needed to open schools in hybrid, full capacity or remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic exceeds the normal school operational costs; and,

Whereas, the New Mexico Legislature during the 2020 session took partial credit on federal CARES Act funding to offset state revenue shortfalls; and,

Whereas, the federal CARES Act represented only a portion of the need for schools to reopen; and,

Whereas, public schools were excluded from other sources of federal relief funds such as Paycheck Protection Programs, for which private schools could apply; and,

Whereas, funding beyond normal operations is critical to the needs of students in the global pandemic, including technology, social-emotional supports, food and other basic needs; and,

Whereas, it is more critical than ever for public schools to be able to provide a sufficient education and for our most vulnerable students who the insufficiently funded education of prior years is further exacerbated; and,

Whereas, additional direct state funding and flexibility for COVID-19 relief to schools must be immediate and targeted to eliminating any possible learning loss or achievement gaps for our most vulnerable students;

Therefore be it resolved that the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education, along with the New Mexico School Boards Association, calls upon the Legislature, to provide direct aid with the flexibility necessary for school districts to meet the unpredictable and ever-changing, COVID-19 relief needs.