

## **Albuquerque Public Schools DISCUSSION BRIEF**

Capital Outlay, Property & Technology Committee Meeting on June 13, 2022

**TO:** Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education

**REQUESTED DISCUSSION:**

Update on the Albuquerque Public Schools Vision Zero for Youth Initiative Project (Discussion)

**CORE BELIEF:**

Equity and access for all students and staff

**GOAL:**

Albuquerque Public Schools will provide equitable access and opportunity in a safe and supportive environment that addresses the individual needs of students.

**BACKGROUND:**



Vision Zero is an international safety project that seeks to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing life, health, safety and equitable mobility for all. In 2019/20, APS Capital Master Plan, in the capacity of APS Board of Education representation on the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Transportation Program Task Group (TPTG) and Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC), applied for and received \$350,000 (\$299,040 of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding with a required local/APS match of \$50,960 - 14.56 percent match) through the federal program.

This is currently being utilized to create/implement an *Albuquerque Public Schools Vision Zero for Youth Initiative* Project. Through this grant, APS aims to fill two major gaps in student/pedestrian/vehicular safety – incorporate roadway safety components into the school curriculum, and in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and other local governments, formulate and maintain an ongoing public awareness campaign component on the need for vehicles to be vigilant of pedestrians especially around schools.

This initiative will enhance the life health and safety of students, staff and community through ongoing educational strategies, youth and community engagement, public awareness campaigns and interagency collaboration in the area of pedestrian/vehicular interaction as well as roadway infrastructure planning/policy. Safer roadways/sidewalks will also serve to encourage increased walking to school.

More information about the initiative is available on the following interactive webpages:

1. [APS Vision Zero for Youth Initiative](#)
2. [APS Vision Zero Student Engagement in Traffic Safety Mapping Analysis Report](#)
3. [APS Vision Zero pedestrian safety 5th Grade Curriculum Draft](#)

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