

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Albuquerque Public Schools ♦ Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Resolution

PROVIDING THAT THE ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**WHEREAS**, Albuquerque Public Schools believes that the Community Schools model (22-32-1 to 22-32-4 NMSA 1978) provides a significantly greater benefit to students, integrates communication between the school and community and provides strategic focus for decision making; and

**WHEREAS**, Albuquerque Public Schools believes that schools in communities with in need of resources should be community schools, which means we need more resources and support to expand beyond the current fifty community schools; and

**WHEREAS**, community schools interventions meet the requirements of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as an evidence-based intervention that positively impacts students and leads to increased student achievement across the school; and

WHEREAS, a December 2020 Learning Policy Institute brief outlined an evidence-based approach for improving education the New Mexico way, which includes implementing the community school framework with extended learning opportunities to all schools in communities with in need of resources; and

WHEREAS, the community school framework pillars and theory of action include integrated student support, expanded learning time and opportunities, family and community engagement and collaborative leadership and practices, thereby focusing school resources and design around supporting the whole child; and

**WHEREAS**, community schools focus on a strategy for organizing resources, rather than creating new programs; and

**WHEREAS**, community schools that fund a coordinator position to align resources and partnerships will most effectively address the needs of local communities and strategically align resources; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education formally requests that the New Mexico State Legislature provide funding for all schools that may wish to implement a community schools framework model, including a position for a community school coordinator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New Mexico State Statute 22-32-1 NMSA 1978 should be used as a guide for this resolution and community school implementation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the New Mexico School Boards Association.

**ADOPTED** and signed this 8th day of September, 2021.

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