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Governor Bill Richardson Announces \$230 million To Build and Renovate Schools across New Mexico

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson and legislative leaders today announced a record \$230 million in state money to match local school district funding for New Mexico's most pressing school construction projects.

"We're taking care of the state's fastest growing communities and relieving overcrowded schools in Rio Rancho, Albuquerque's Southwest Mesa, Las Cruces and Gallup," Governor Bill Richardson said during a news conference in Santa Fe today. "We're also renovating – and in some cases razing -- outdated facilities and rebuilding campuses and classrooms in communities like Tierra Amarilla, Espanola and Cuba in the north, and Roswell, Ruidoso, Deming and Silver City in the south."

Governor Richardson and legislative leaders announced the new funding that resulted from the state's new process for prioritizing and paying for school construction projects across the state. The State Capital Outlay Council, chaired by the Governor's Finance & Administration Secretary, James Jimenez, worked with school districts to determine the most pressing needs and invest state money in as many projects as possible. In all cases, local districts will be required to match the state funding with local cash.

"Thanks to a fair and objective process that judges projects based on need, and not politics, we're taking care of New Mexico's most pressing priorities when it comes to building and renovating classrooms," Governor Richardson said.

A list of awards is below.

School District	Name of School	State Funding
Albuquerque	New South West High School	\$25.7 million
Albuquerque	West Mesa High School	\$5.6 million
Animas	Animas Elementary and Middle Schools	\$8.2 million
Bernalillo	Placitas Elementary School	\$2.2 million
Chama Valley	Tierra Amarillo Middle School/Escalante High school	\$9.2 million
Cobre	Snell Middle School	\$5.9 million

Cuba	Cuba Elementary School	\$4.1 million
Deming	Columbus Elementary School	\$8.4 million
Deming	Smith Elementary School and Martin Elementary School	\$8.3 million
Espanola	Alcalde Elementary School	\$4.1 million
Gadsden	Gadsden Middle School	\$9.7 million
Gallup	John F. Kennedy Middle School	\$14 million
Gallup	Gallup Middle School	\$4.7 million
Gallup	New West Gallup Middle School	\$22.3 million
Las Cruces	Desert Hills Elementary School	\$1.8 million
Las Cruces	Hillrise Elementary School	\$800,000
Las Cruces	New Elementary School	\$9.5 million
Las Cruces	Central Elementary School	\$1.2 million
Las Cruces	Hermosa Heights Elementary School	\$2.7 million
Las Cruces	New High School	\$2.6 million
Las Cruces	Mayfield High School	\$4.6 million
Rio Rancho	Rio Rancho Mid High	\$46.8 million
Roswell	Sierra Middle School	\$5.6 million
Ruidoso	Ruidoso Middle School	\$5.5 million
Silver	Cliff School	\$820,000
Silver	La Plata Middle School	\$850,000
Silver	Silver High School	\$4.6 million

Continuation Project Applicants

School District	Name of School	State Funding
Alamogordo	Alamogordo High School	\$3.3 million
Bernalillo	Cochiti Elementary School	\$800,000
Hagerman	Hagerman Middle and Elementary School	\$450,000
Jemez Mountain	Lybrook Elementary	\$1.7 million
Pojoaque	Pojoaque Intermediate	\$8.7 million