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Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

March 21, 2025

## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 14

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have signed SENATE BILL 82, as amended ("SB 82"), enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025. While SB 82 seeks to open the proverbial door for school facility improvements statewide, our approach to capital funding for schools remains woefully inefficient. As I sign this message, students across New Mexico sit in classrooms with broken HVAC systems and eat lunch in cafeterias without functional kitchens. These realities are all too common to students and families across the state. However, it seems the body that governs school facility improvements does not share this sense of urgency, as students spend their formative years in degrading buildings far past their prime, the Public School Capital Outlay Fund reports a balance of more than \$1 billion dollars. Our children deserve better. I urge you to come back next year with a proposal that assures that New Mexico students are situated in safe and modern buildings that inspire our children to succeed.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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Time: 1:27 a.m. (p.m.)  
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By Tommy B Padilla  
for Secretary of State

Time: 1:55 a.m. p.m.  
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By Lucille V. Martinez  
for Chief Clerk of the Senate