



2011 Bond Accountability Committee

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Dear Trustees:

On behalf of the 2011 Bond Accountability Committee (BAC), I am pleased to present you with this update on the organization, operation and success of the BAC.

The original 14 members of the BAC remain active participants, representing parents, employees, volunteers, businesses and taxpayers as a whole. To-date, we have held five productive meetings. The first gathering served as an orientation and organizational meeting, with the other four focusing on project status updates. Our most recent meeting was held at Hueco Elementary School on August 7. This was a great opportunity for our membership to see first-hand the progress with projects under Bond 2011.

The activities of the BAC have been in line with the charge set forth by the Board of Trustees in our organizing charter. Our initial meeting concentrated on the review of the 2010-11 Facilities Advisory Committee report, an in-depth overview of Bond 2011, and a briefing on project management procedures including the District's process for the selection of professional services and contractors. The second meeting focused on committee education surrounding project design and cost implementation. All such information has been communicated in a simple, effective manner and has helped our members follow the status of projects and in turn share information in our local communities.

Each meeting also has included specific updates on all projects included in Bond 2011. Staff presents photos and individual factsheets for projects under construction, which include the project description, schedule, current status, next steps and budget. All questions from members are taken and addressed, and committee feedback is noted.

Adding to the open, transparent implementation of Bond 2011, all summaries of the Committee's meetings and documents shared with us are posted on the District's website. Staff has maintained a positive and informative outreach effort promoting communication and accountability surrounding all elements within Bond 2011. In addition to the website, the District has utilized a variety of mediums to share bond information, including the @Socorro community newsletter, internal publications, social media, events and celebrations, and through the local media.

Furthermore, we have been thoroughly impressed with the complete team effort in successfully reaching this point in the implementation of Bond 2011. It is apparent that District staff, schools, the community and the professionals hired to complete projects are working collaboratively to ensure that all promises made to the community are kept. Personally, I'd like to thank the Socorro ISD administration and Board of Trustees for all of their hard work and dedication; this includes the campus principals and teachers who have positively adapted to the realities of construction and through it all have ensured that there is no impact on student instruction. In addition, we are appreciative of staff being very accommodating and supporting the activities of the BAC.

In conclusion, we are happy to report that Bond 2011 is on time and within budget. The process has been and remains open and transparent. And, we are confident that all projects will be successfully completed - Promises Made, Promises Kept!

Robert Alvarez
BAC Chair