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Alamogordo Public Schools Launches Capital Projects and Construction Website for Enhanced Community Engagement

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Building a Better Future for All Our Students

Alamogordo Public Schools (APS) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Capital Projects and Construction website, providing up-to-date information on all upcoming, ongoing, and completed projects across the APS district. This online platform exemplifies APS's commitment to transparency, community involvement, and the continuous improvement of student learning environments.

Thanks to the unwavering support of our community and the successful approval of the 2023 general obligation bond, along with additional funding including mill levy funds, APS is embarking on a transformative journey to elevate its older campuses to a standard comparable to its newer schools. The initiative encompasses a wide range of focus areas, including Safety & Security, Outdoor Learning & Playgrounds, Internal Learning Environments, Athletics, Technology, and Building Systems.

"We believe that our students deserve the best possible learning environments and with the support of our community, we are taking significant strides toward making that a reality," said Pam Renteria, Acting Superintendent of Alamogordo Public Schools. "This new website will serve as a central hub for information, allowing our stakeholders to stay informed about our progress and be engaged in the evolution of our campuses."

The cornerstone of this initiative is the \$15 million general obligation bond, which was approved by voters in May, providing critical capital improvement funding over the next four years. These funds, combined with the ongoing mill levy funds that were approved by voters in 2019, allow APS to deliver optimal educational spaces for its students.

The Capital Projects and Construction website is designed to empower the community by offering insights into APS's project selection process and timelines. Key considerations for project prioritization include:

- **Security:** Ensuring the safety of students and staff remains paramount.
- **Minimal Disruptions:** Striving to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.
- **Value Maximization:** Leveraging additional funding sources such as state grants and local resources.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Rigorously vetting options to ensure the best value for investments.
- **Efficiency:** Exploring economies of scale and the availability of local contractors.
- **Planning and Design:** Accounting for permitting, architectural designs, and other logistical factors.
- **Needs vs. Wants:** Thoughtfully balancing essential needs with desirable enhancements.

"We understand the importance of making informed decisions when it comes to shaping the educational spaces that nurture our students' growth," stated Judy Rabon, School Board President at APS. "By providing transparent and real-time information, we hope to foster a collaborative spirit among our community members and stakeholders."

To learn more about APS's ongoing capital projects and construction initiatives, and to get involved in the process, please visit the newly launched website at www.allin4ourkids.org. For inquiries and to schedule a discussion about the project selection process, interested parties can reach out to APS Communications at communications@alamogordoschools.org.

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