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Holloman Elementary School Opens Its Doors to Excited Staff & Students

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Alamogordo Public Schools (APS) is happy to announce the grand opening of our newest school, Holloman Elementary at Holloman Air Force Base. Students returned from winter break last Tuesday and were welcomed by excited teachers and staff.

The 72,154 square foot school is replacing the current school which originally was a 1940s military clinic. The projected project cost was \$28,375,939 with 40% funded by the District and 60% funded by the State. The final construction cost was 12.89% under the projected cost, totaling \$24,716,973. This project was made possible by the positive results of the 2016 school bond election. During this 21-month long project, more than 500 construction workers participated. Many were hired locally or were temporary residents of our local hotels. Four local subcontractors joined in this project, these contracts exceeded \$3.6 million in support to our local economy. “The new Holloman Elementary School shows how invested the community and our base are in improving our children’s education,” said U.S. Air Force Colonel Justin Spears, 49th Wing commander. “The architectural design is unique in that it captures the essence of our air power and truly honors the men and women in service.”

One third of the APS students are military connected. Over 500 students will be attending this pre-k to 5th grade school and are connected to our active duty, civilians, and contractors living and working on HAFB. Superintendent Dr. Ken Moore shared, “We are thrilled to start a new year and a new beginning at Holloman Elementary School. This school is not just a building, it was designed as an innovative learning environment that student want to learn in and teachers want to teach in. This is the next step in our goal to elevate all students in APS, and we are proud and honored to be partners with HAFB.”

APS is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 5:30 pm. This event is open to all DoD ID holders. For those not able to attend, students from Alamogordo High School with be creating a virtual tour that will be available to the public.

“There are so many people to thank for this wonderful school, the citizens of Otero County, the State of NM, HAFB, past school board members & superintendents, and our incredible APS staff. Our entire community helped make this dream come true,” said Judy Rabon, Alamogordo Public Schools Board President. “It’s so exciting to open this beautiful new school and to think about all the thousands of students that will grow and learn here. It is vital that we continue to support our kids and their education, they are the future of our community.”

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