



Chancellor Weekly Brief – 1/31/2020 Dr. James Malm

Legislative Advocacy for UNM-Gallup Funding

We were fortunate to have an opportunity to spend five days in our state’s capital—Santa Fe—engaging with our Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and members of the New Mexico Legislature. Along with several other University Chancellors and Presidents throughout the state, we discussed many new concepts and ideas our own faculty and staff are working towards for our students. These discussions offered the opportunity to showcase the innovation and possibilities created on Gallup’s campus. Thank you to our educational leaders for giving us so much to boast about. We also learned a deal more about the budgeting of the coming year. Specifically, we should all make note of the following:

- 8% New Revenue Budget Increases
- 5% Compensation Increases
- 0% Performance Redistribution



Our testimony on behalf of UNM Gallup generated meaningful exchanges and meetings with key leaders

I attended the House Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting, chaired by our own Representative Patricia Lundstrom, that proved quite comprehensive. One of the highlights of note is quoted here by Susan McKinsey, of the Office of Government and

Community Relations team, “As finance committees usually grow budgets from the lowest recommendations for funding, HAFC voted to go with the Executive budget recommendation, which for UNM has a 1.2 percent budget increase—UNM-Gallup 0.0% and 0.9% overall for higher education—1.5 percent for the Medical School and 2 percent compensation.” It is also meaningful to note that lawmakers chose additionally threw in \$5 million for dual credit statewide



Senator George K. Munoz co-chaired the Senate Finance Committee well under tough questioning.

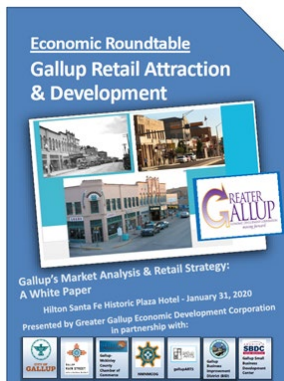


This is best articulated via the Office of Government and Community Relations’ Susan McKinsey’s notes, “Senators heard the budget recommendations of the Executive and the Legislative Finance Committee, but committed to neither. Same with the requests of the Higher Education Institutions. This is expected, as Finance comes out with its budget in the last days of the session. However, the questions posed today were much more pointed, as Senators drilled into subjects like administrative costs, the expense of online courses, and the cost of education.” We look forward to the outcome of this for several reasons.

Governor Lujan Grisham spoke on our General Obligation Bond Capital Projects regarding our **Career Technology Education and Innovation Building**

1 SENATE BILL 207
2 84TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020
3 INTRODUCED BY
4 George E. Manne and Steven P. Swartz and John Arthur Smith
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10 AN ACT
11 RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AMENDING THE LANGUAGE
12 AND SALE OF CAPITAL PRIORITY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO MAKE
13 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS,
14 CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITIONS, FOR LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS AND FOR
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION, STATE CRIMINAL, JUVENILE AND TRINITY SCHOOLS; PROVIDING
17 FOR A PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, INTEREST
18 ON AND CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO THE BONDS; REQUESTING APPROVAL
19 OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION OF THE
20 STATE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
23 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.—That, any act may be cited as the
24 "2020 Capital Priority General Obligation Bond Act".
25 SECTION 2. PURPOSE.—For the purpose of providing funds
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We also had the opportunity to learn more from **Gallup Economic Development** Director Patty Lundstrom on **Retail Business Retention and Expansion**. I encourage you to take a look at when you have a moment.



I am confident that our FY21 funding levels will be certain with the passage of House Bill 2 before the last day of the session on February 14. Though I say that, I also like to point out that the politics of the “budget making process” is all about compromise. Keep in mind...

- No one gets everything they want
- Everyone gets something
- No one gets nothing

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