Project Abstract

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED), in collaboration with its partners—Instructure (provider of the Canvas Learning Management System), UnboundEd, Las Cruces Public Schools, and Teaching Lab—is proposing to develop a statewide virtual learning and course access program. The primary goal is to provide all New Mexico students and educators with access to high-quality educational content. To accomplish this goal, the project includes five key services/strategies: (1) the procurement and implementation of a statewide Learning Management System (LMS); (2) the acquisition and development of high-quality, standards-aligned content to populate the LMS; (3) a statewide purchase of a Student Information System (SIS) to support data exchange and business analytics which will allow PED to assist schools with continuous improvement; (4) the development of a professional learning infrastructure to promote effective remote learning; and (5) tools and resources to foster communication and support parents with their children's remote learning.

Grant funding will be used to purchase the technology infrastructure and over 400,000 user licenses for the LMS; upload existing high-quality, culturally and linguistically relevant content and develop new content for the LMS; purchase the SIS and data analytic tools; procure professional learning for teachers and administrators for at least three cohorts of 30 districts/charter/non-public schools; and create two guides for families.