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## **Santa Fe Public Schools Announces the Completion of Agua Fria School Land Purchase**

**Santa Fe, N.M.** – Santa Fe Public Schools has completed the transaction to purchase 16 acres on South Meadows Road, between Agua Fria Street and 599 as a part of the relocation and building of the new Agua Fria School. Located walking distance to the Cottonwood Mobile Home Park, the far end of the site touches 599. The first phase of the construction project will include 98,000 square feet serving Kindergarten through 6th grade students. This school houses the District's medically fragile program, as well as a Dual Language Program. The construction cost for the first phase is \$16.5M.

The school, which is slated to become a K-8 upon completion of the second phase of construction, is in the planning stages for the middle school academy addition which will follow the K-6 build out. The middle school wing is anticipated to follow closely after Phase 1, funded from the future 2013 General Obligation Bond. Phase 2 will be 24,000 square feet, and will include a second gymnasium.

The project is designed by Claudio Vigil Architects, includes a nod toward the Agua Fria village architecture, and is scaled gently into the landscape. The construction drawings are anticipated to be complete in November, to be followed by bidding. Construction will commence early in 2013 with a 12 month build for Phase 1.

The Agua Fria school community has long anticipated a new facility, which has been in the planning stages for several years. After the students move into their new facility, two of the 60's era buildings at the old campus will be demolished. The remaining buildings will be renovated and added onto to create a new Nye Early Childhood Center.

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