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**WNM Communications** provides fiber connectivity for local school districts through the Southwest Consortium which benefits Cobre, Lordsburg and Silver Consolidated Schools.

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Silver City, NM, 1/6/22 – **WNM Communications, Southwest New Mexico’s hometown communications and broadband company**, has played an integral part in connecting local school districts through efforts organized by the Southwest Consortium. The consortium’s RFP was developed cooperatively with the New Mexico Public Finance Authority (NMPSFA) and participating school districts which included Cobre Schools, Deming Schools, Hatch Schools (Hatch - Garfield Elementary and T or C - Arrey Elementary), Las Cruces Schools, Lordsburg Schools and Silver Schools. The project has allowed for fiber optic connectivity that will be consolidated in Silver City for aggregated Internet access. This build gives each location gigabit capability and will be capable of supporting 10 Gigabit of bandwidth at each location.

The project also provides Wide Area Network (also known as “WAN”) connectivity for San Lorenzo and Hurley to the Cobre Consolidated Data Center as well as connectivity from the Data Center in Bayard for Internet. In addition, it also provides connectivity with increased capacity for Lordsburg School’s data Center to the Internet.

“We are excited to partner with WNM on the Southwest Consortium project,” said Ryan Chaney, Director of Operations for Lordsburg Consolidated Schools. “This project aims to help school districts and libraries in Southwest New Mexico collaborate and increase data telecommunications capabilities for online assessments and digital learning. We greatly appreciate WNM’s continued dedication to providing cutting-edge technologies to our students, staff and families.”

**WNM Communications** is committed to working with all of the districts to bring high speed fiber optic based broadband connectivity that will support our students and educational institutions through the areas we serve for years to come.