

# **Regional Education Cooperative 6**

**1500 South Ave. K  
Portales, New Mexico**

## **2023-2024 Annual Report**



**Every Student, Every Region, Every Day**

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**About Us**

Regional Education Cooperative 6 (REC 6), is located in Portales, NM and housed at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU). We are one of nine Regional Education Cooperatives in New Mexico. REC 6 is a state agency, administratively attached to the Public Education Department. REC 6 accelerates the missions of the member school districts in Curry, DeBaca, Quay, and Roosevelt Counties by providing quality support and services to meet districts’ needs. The REC 6 works closely with Eastern New Mexico University striving to meet the needs of the schools and their students. Tucumcari Schools and Portales Schools are limited members and participate in selected grants and programs.

**Background**

Regional Education Cooperative 6 serves 10 rural schools districts on the east side of New Mexico. There are 10 superintendents, 265 teachers along with support staff. The region has 2,404 students. Agriculture, windfarms, and the schools are the primary employers in these rural communities. The districts have been working together for many years to provide a solid education for all their students.

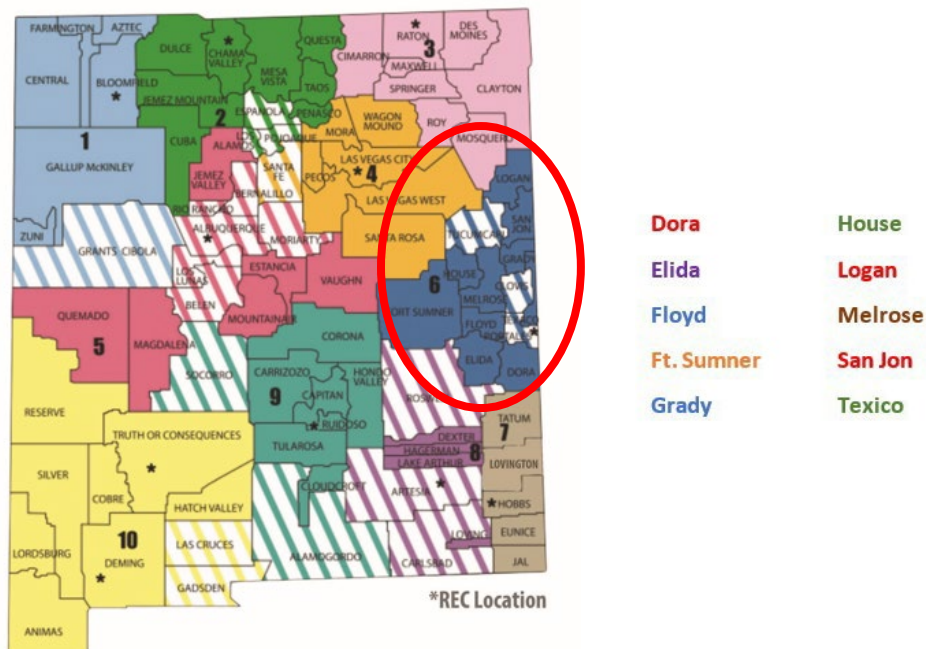
**Vision**

The Regional Education Cooperative 6 aspires to be the premier provider of choice for comprehensive, specialized, and collaborative Education services for its member school districts with cost effective solutions to current and emerging needs.

**Mission**

The Regional Education Cooperative 6 exists to provide Education services to students, staff, and families of the member districts and communities. Areas of support include:

- Ancillary support and technical assistance in implementing federal and state statutes and regulations, including but not limited to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Professional Development in response to identified needs and state licensure requirements.
- Support for members in meeting the Public Education Department’s requirements.



*Message from the Director*

REC 6 is an Education Service Agency that is committed to supporting students in our member districts to be successful individuals in the real world. REC 6 accomplishes this mission by providing quality, cost-effective and comprehensive education services from birth to post-secondary. We believe in continuous professional learning and support our staff and member districts to be prepared to not only meet the current Education demands, but to be leaders in the learning community. We appreciate that small, rural districts have limited human and fiscal resources and to meet the challenges in the Education setting, we must collaborate and cost-share those resources.

The primary focus of REC 6 is academic services. We are responsible for providing direct services, technical assistance and professional development for our member districts. Those services include birth to three services for families and infants/toddlers, Pre-K early childhood education, school-based health services including physical health, behavioral health, and prevention-based education, distance and technology-based learning, technical assistance, professional development and direct Education support staffing.

REC 6 is a member of the Regional Education Cooperative Association of New Mexico and the National Service Organization AESA. We work with our sister cooperatives to ensure the children of rural New Mexico receive a high-quality education as part of the process to be productive community members.

Damon Terry  
Director REC 6

***REC 6 Board of Directors 2023-2024***

Regional Education Cooperative 6 is governed by a ten-member Managerial Council consisting of the Superintendent from each member district. The public is invited to attend the monthly meetings.

Dora Consolidated Schools  
Brandon Hays, Vice President

House Municipal Schools  
Coby Norman

Elida Municipal Schools  
Tandee Delk

Logan Municipal Schools  
Dennis Roch

Floyd Municipal Schools  
Todd Burleson

Melrose Public Schools  
Brian Stacy, President

Fort Sumner Municipal Schools  
Matt Moyer, Secretary

San Jon Municipal Schools  
Alan Umholtz

Grady Municipal Schools  
Keith Durham

Texico Municipal Schools  
Robert Brown

***REC 6 Administrative and Program Staff***

Damon Terry, Director  
Tammy Gates, Business Manager  
Cindy Wilcox, Medicaid Coordinator/Grants Manager  
Rusty Rucker, Technology Specialist  
Misha Riley, Technology Specialist  
Hunter St. John, Technology Specialist  
Stephanie Shaw, Diagnostician/Vocational Transition Specialist

***REC 6 Related Services Staff***

Tawyna Burton, Nurse  
Jacque Carter, Occupational Therapist  
Jennifer Faust, COTA  
Worthy Cameron, Physical Therapist  
Heather Cameron, Occupational Therapist  
Sara Tennyson-Martinez, Physical Therapist

Fiscal Management of selected funds

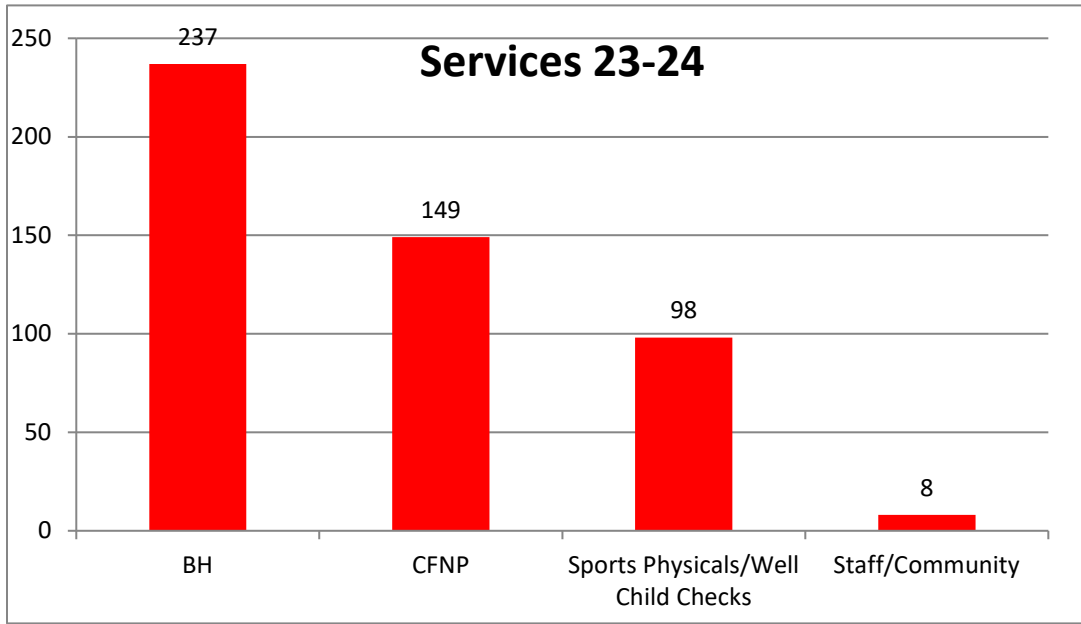
**2022-2023 Audit – Unmodified Rating with 0 Findings**

**2023-2024 Total Budget: \$7,154,879 (OBMS Final)**

- State Directed Funds that include the following:
  - State Directed Activities for member districts
  - State IDEA Panel
  - State Level Mediators/Facilitators
  
- Excellence from Coaching in Literacy for Intensive Preparation in Special Education (PED Initiative Project)
  - Providing direct support to PED for Data Review/Analysis/Targeted Assistance
  - Providing direct support to participant districts with Targeted Assistance
  
- IEP Project (PED Initiative Project)
  - Providing Direct Special Education Support to non-REC member districts
  - Providing direct support by assisting the PED with IEP reviews to monitor SPED Compliance
  
- Special Education Quality Improvement (PED Initiative)
  - Provided Direct support to districts currently on a Corrective Action Plan as directed by SEB.
  
- Hosted 3 Academic Competitions for 12 School Districts
  
- Medicaid in the Schools
  - Medicaid in the Schools for 12 Districts (Dora, Elida, Floyd, Ft Sumner, Grady, House, Logan, Melrose, Portales, San Jon, Texico, and Tucumcari). Over \$544,400 was generated for school districts during the 23-24 school year through the Medicaid in the Schools billing.
    - ✓ Billing
    - ✓ Maintenance
    - ✓ Fiscal Management
    - ✓ Professional Development
  
- NM PreK Grant
  - 9 sites – 134 students
 

✓ Dora - 13	✓ Melrose - 12
✓ Elida - 10	✓ San Jon – 10
✓ Floyd - 14	✓ Texico - 30
✓ Fort Sumner – 15	✓ Tucumcari - 20
✓ Grady – 10	

- San Jon School Based Health Clinic
  - The clinic has two CFNP and one Behavior Health Counselors
  - In SY 2023-2024 there were 127 unduplicated students seen by Behavior Health and Primary Care



### *Member Services & Technical Assistance*

Regional Education Cooperative 6 is a supporting arm for the ten member and the limited member districts as well. Our goal is to provide as much assistance to our districts as we possibly can by keeping teachers in the classroom and support for administrators to provide teachers with information and assistance for the success of all students in our districts.

#### Special Education Supports

- helps write the IDEA-B applications for **9/10** of the districts,
- technical assistance is provided for IEP file review,
- Transition (C-B interagency MOU),
- Evaluations,
- 504 training,
- related services and professional development,
- coordination of child find activities,
- SAT training,
- Special Education Policy Manual
- Support/trainings with providing remote SPED services to students
- Support/trainings with documentation requirements during remote instruction
- REC 6 provided 32 days of SPED on-site/virtual IEP Review/Support/Guidance/PD to member districts along with over 120 hours of phone/email support to district SPED staff.
- REC 6 hired a transition specialist to work with Students With Disabilities on transition activities to better prepare the students to enter higher education and/or the work force.

#### Technology Support

- REC 6 continues being a leader and model for the rest of the state in cost-effective technology/internet.
- Provided direct support to member district with Student Information System support and STARS reporting.
- REC 6 provides network maintenance/support for all 10-member districts.
- Assisted all member districts with laptop/device maintenance and student checkout for remote learning
- Maintained all member districts internal networks and assisted with internet connections for remote learning
- Assisted all districts with ERATE application by consolidating the application

Shared services in the areas of:

- Technology Services:
  - professional development and maintenance of equipment
  - E-Rate assistance
- Nurses
- Diagnostician
- Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy
- Non-Violent Intervention training (CPI)/local trainer from REC 6
- Contract services with Speech and Language Department of ENMU
- Accounts payable services
- Child Find Coordination (71 students in Fall '23 and 57 in Spring '24 attended)

Professional Development/Technical Support:

Professional Development provided to teachers, administrators, and school support staff on the below topics listed below. Over 250 teachers/administrators/school staff participated in at least 1 professional development activity while many participated in multiple trainings provided by REC 6.

- Differentiated Instruction
- Classroom Management
- Indicator 13 (Secondary transition)
- IEP Development
- Medicaid in the School/MaxCapture
- Crisis Prevention Training (CPI) as requested by member districts
- Bus Driver and Suburban training to keep licenses current
- New Bus Driver and New Suburban training
- CPR and First Aid
- STAR's Reporting
- Technical Assistance and support for districts 90-day plans
- Coordinate with PED for various trainings
- Online Professional Development for:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ teachers,</li> <li>✓ Education assistants,</li> <li>✓ maintenance,</li> <li>✓ nurses,</li> <li>✓ administrators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ support staff, i.e. ancillary providers, office staff, food service</li> <li>✓ bus drivers</li> </ul>
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### *RECA Partnerships*

- Partnered with REC 10 on MLSS implementation by hiring a MLSS coach to provide training/support to member districts and area non-member districts. The MLSS coach assisted districts with completing school self-assessments along with conducting school site visits.
- Collaborated with all REC's to meet our mission of: Every Student, Every Region, Every Day!

### *PED Projects*

- Excellence from Coaching in Literacy for Intensive Preparation in Special Education (ECLIPSE) – Provided data review and analysis for 40 schools in ECLIPSE program along with specific PD as requested by districts after data review and analysis.
- Special Education Project – Provided on-site Individualized Education Plan (IEP) reviews and technical support/professional development to 6 non-REC 6 schools. Conducted IEP Audits as requested by SEB.
- Quality Special Education Improvement – Provided direct support to districts on Corrective Action Plans as requested by SEB
- Special Education Indicator Reviews – Assisted the Public Education Department with IEP reviews of non-REC 6 schools to determine indicator compliance.
- Provided State Level Special Education Mediators for State Level SPED complaints

### *Eastern New Mexico Education Resource Center*

- Eastern New Mexico Education Resource Center (ENMERC) provides professional development for administrators and school board members to include Clovis, Portales, and Tucumcari Schools. 59 School Board members and Superintendents attended the ENMERC Legislative Forum in November along with four area legislators.