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Richard Sims is the Chief Economist in the Research Department of the National Education Association. He previously served as Policy Director for the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy; Director of Applied Economic Research at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia; Director of Taxation & Economic Policy for the Arkansas Legislature; Director of the Office of Economic Analysis for the Kentucky Legislature; and for two years was the resident Senior Advisor to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova.

Our Keynote Speaker



Robert Kuttner

Robert Kuttner is co-founder and co-editor of The American Prospect magazine, as well as a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the think tank Demos. He was a longtime columnist for Business Week, and continues to write columns in the Boston Globe.

The Squandering of America, exploring the political roots of America's narrowing prosperity and the systemic risks facing the U.S. economy, is Bob's seventh book. The book was recently honored with the Sidney Hillman Journalism Award. Bob has just begun work on a new book on trade, equality, efficiency, and the challenge of regulating global capitalism.

Bob's best-known earlier book is Everything for Sale: The Virtues and Limits of Markets (1997). The book received a page one review in the New York Times Book Review. Of it, the late economist Robert Heilbroner wrote, "I have never seen the market system better described, more intelligently appreciated, or more trenchantly criticized than in Everything for Sale."

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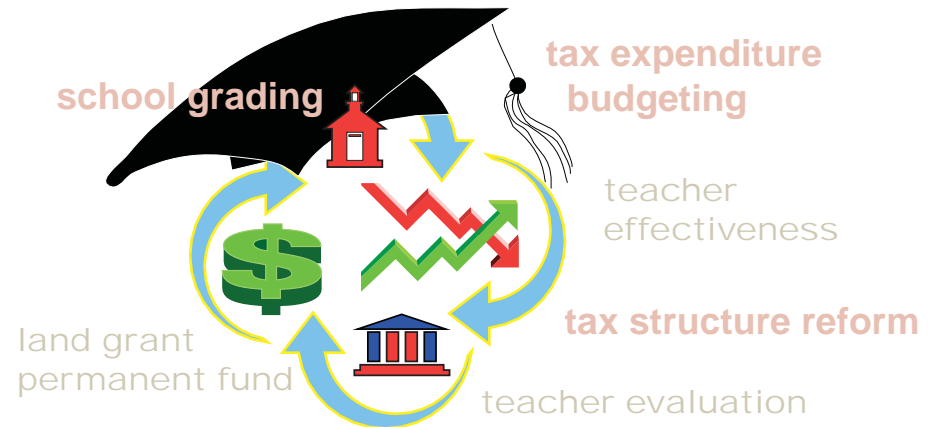
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Educational Funding Guarantees Economic Development

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Standing at the Crossroads of Teacher Accountability & Professional Advocacy: *room*

- 10:00-10:15 am:** Welcome & Introductions
- 10:15-10:45 am:** **Where We Stand** (*Sharon Morgan, NEA-NM President, & Charles Bowyer, NEA-NM Executive Director*)
- 10:45-11:30 am:** **Asking for Directions** (*Tom Sullivan and Gloria Rendon*)
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm:** **Understanding the Symbols on the Map**
(*Adriana Dorrington*)
- 12:30-1:45 pm:** **Joint Lunch with Keynote Speaker** (*Robert Kuttner*)
- 1:45-2:30 pm:** **Letting Folks Know Where We are Headed**
- 2:30-2:45 pm:** **Break**
- 2:45-3:45 pm:** **How We'll Get There**
(*panel of local leaders & NEA-NM staff*)
- 3:45-4:00 pm:** **Making the List & Checking it Twice**
(*whole group brainstorming session for next steps*)

Dr. Adriane Dorrington

National Education Association Senior Policy Analyst

She currently oversees federal and state policies related to teacher evaluation. She provides technical support to state affiliates including the Race To The Top recipients as they reform their teacher evaluation systems.

Gloria Rendon, Ed.D

Incoming Executive Director of NM Coalition of School Administrators

Gloria has been with NMCSA for the last three years and before that she finished her public school career as Superintendent for Santa Fe Public Schools.

Tom Sullivan

NMCSA Executive Director Emeritus

Tom finishes his tenure with NMCSA after having served as a teacher, principal and also Superintendent for Farmington Public Schools.

Education Funding Guarantees Economic Development: *room*

- 10:00-10:30 am:** Welcome & Introductions
- 10:30-11:15 am:** **Education Funding Guarantees Economic Development** (*Michael Kahn and Robert Glenn*)
- 11:15 am-12:30 pm:** **Economic Consequences of Underfunding Public Education, Especially Proposed Changes in the Distribution of Land Grant Fund** (*Richard Sims*)
- 12:30-1:45 pm:** **Joint Lunch with Keynote Speaker** (*Robert Kuttner*)
- 1:45-2:30 pm:** **What else can we do to ensure adequate and equitable funding** (*Susan Kennedy and Richard Sims*)
- 2:45-3:45 pm:** **Panel* Discussion around what does all this mean for New Mexico, what can be done, what might be the next steps, etc.**
- 3:45 pm:** **Closing and Next Steps** (*Charles Bowyer*)

Robert Glenn, Ed. D.

Senior Policy Analyst National Education Association

Robert Glenn is Senior Policy Analyst in the Education Finance and Economics group. He works with colleagues and NEA state affiliates on issues of Taxes, Economic Development and School Funding (TEF).

Michael Kahn, Ph. D.

Associate Project Director National Education Association

Michael Kahn is Associate Director for the school finance and economics (TEF) project at National Education Association. He specializes in state revenue and economic development policies and their impact on adequate and equitable funding for schools.

Susan E. Kennedy

Funding and Revenue Manager of the Alabama Education Association

She serves on the AEA Lobby Team and consults on public funding and revenue for the Association. Prior to serving in her current position at AEA, Ms. Kennedy was a founding partner of Slate Kennedy LLC.



***Invited Panelists:** Dr. Gerry Bradley, Dr. Angi Carver, Representative Jim Trujillo, and Dr. Peter Winograd