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## Local Teacher Named Advocate of the Year

Recently retired Farmington teacher, **Vicki Whitaker**, was honored as NEA-NM's Advocate of the Year at the NEA-NM Delegate Council on November 5, 2012 in Albuquerque. Nominated by her fellow members, she is touted as the consummate advocate for better education, better standards, better working conditions and better funding for the public schools that serve her students. Currently serving as the Chairperson of NEA-NM's Northwest region, she rarely misses a school board meeting, a local Farmington NEA meeting or other NEA meetings in the region or state. She is involved legislatively and politically seeking out her elected representatives and voicing her opinions on education issues, attends forums and advocates for her member colleagues in every venue.

One of her nominators and colleagues, Chris Sterton, writes on her behalf, "If there were a poster child for a believer in NEA, Vicki would win hands down. She is the Energizer Bunny for NEA."