

I am proud to declare my candidacy for the NEA-NM Alternate Director. I have been a NEA-NM member for 16 years. I have served on the NEA and NEA-NM Board of Directors as ESP At-Large Director. While on the NEA-NM Board of Directors, I along with my fellow ESP Directors initiated the ESP Task Force which later became the ESP Committee. In 2000, I was selected the NEA-NM ESP of the Year and the 2001 the NEA ESP of the Year.

As President of the Classified School Employees Council of Las Cruces, my collective bargaining team and I have worked diligently to bargain a strong collective bargaining agreement. During my tenure as president, my local has grown to 500 members.

Understanding the importance of being politically visible, I have gone to the NM Legislature to advocate for public schools and public education employees.

I am an experienced leader and a passionate advocate. I will work alongside with the other members of the NEA-NM Leadership team and the Board of Directors to continue the proud tradition of NEA-NM of standing strong, advocating for students, public education and all educational employees.

Thank you for your support.

Irma Valdespino