



# Taos Municipal Schools

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Valerie Trujillo came to Taos Municipal Schools with many years of leadership experience having served previously as a High School Principal, Superintendent and as an Executive Director for the Northern Regional Educational Cooperative, Mrs. Trujillo's experience also includes many years of classroom experience as a Regular Education and Special Education Teacher. Prior to being named Interim Superintendent by the Taos Municipal School Board beginning September 1, 2022, Mrs. Trujillo held the position of Assistant Superintendent of Taos Municipal Schools. Through many recent and challenging circumstances she has proven herself to be a leader for our times. As a first step in the School Boards search for a superintendent, the Board met on November 2, 2022, in a properly noticed Executive Session, to discuss necessary next steps to fill the position of the districts CEO. Prior to moving forward, the Board asked itself if the district had someone internally that could lead the district through these challenging times, in our discussion the Board considered the experience, passion and leadership that Mrs. Trujillo has exhibited over the course of the last few months in her role and position of Interim Superintendent.

The Taos Municipal School Board concluded the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting by exiting out of executive session and taking public action to invite Mrs. Trujillo to enter into contract negotiations with the Board and her consideration for the position of Superintendent of Taos Municipal Schools. The School Board met again on November 7, 2022 at a properly noticed meeting, after inviting public comment, the Board met in executive session to conduct contract negotiations. Following a lengthy executive session, the board entered into public meeting and voted unanimously in favor of naming Mrs. Valerie Trujillo Superintendent of the Taos Municipal School District and the approval of contract terms. We are pleased with the knowledge, experience and dedication that Mrs. Trujillo brings to the district. Mrs. Trujillo, being a Taosena, knows the community, its people, our culture and its traditions, most importantly of all she knows the needs of our students and their families. Mrs. Trujillo has the understanding of the districts current needs and the core values that the Board shares. The Taos Municipal School Board is confident that we as a Board and as an educational community can positively and collectively work with Mrs. Trujillo as we all continue to work hard at moving our district forward. It is the focus of the School District to work towards providing a safe environment and positive emotional and intellectual climate for the Children and Teachers of our community during these critical and important times. The Board supports and stands behind Mrs. Trujillo as she takes the reigns of the district and her work begins. *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". – Nelson Mandela*

Respectfully,

Mark T. Flores II

President, Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education

*"its an honor and a privilege to serve the students and families of the Taos Municipal School District"*