Saludos,

The brutal murder of George Floyd and far too many others, and the subsequent movement around racial justice issues has created an opportunity for educators to reflect on the major gaps in the struggle for a just society. In partnership with NEA’s Center for Social Justice, NEA-New Mexico is excited to launch a new initiative centered around social and racial justice organizing and coalition-building. We recognize that our students and their families throughout New Mexico face several social and systemic barriers – including racism, poverty, and marginalization. These issues rob our students of opportunity in the classroom, and they’ve continued to undermine our students in the times of COVID. Across New Mexico educators, community organizations, elected officials and families are mobilizing to raise awareness and call on decision makers to address these disparities. We know that strong schools depend on strong communities. Through this initiative we connect our fight for education justice to the struggle for social justice, economic justice, and racial justice. The NEA Center for Social Justice is providing resources and supports so that our members can join with other membership organizations and like-minded community groups to build campaigns in the name of justice, equity, love, and peace for our students, families, and communities. We’re modeling our coalition work after the successful Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools organizing model which focuses on uniting parents, youth, teachers and unions to drive the transformation of public education. We’re looking for members who are interested in education justice to get involved. If you’d like more information, please contact greenbergdavid5@gmail.com.

As Always, I’m humbled and honored to serve as the NEA-NM President. Don’t hesitate to contact me at mparrsanchez@neanm.org

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7. Northeast/North Central Region Member of the Education Political Action Committee, three-year term beginning July 15, 2021. (all active members of a local in Northeast/North Central Region are eligible.)
8. Northeast/North Central Region Member of the Education Political Action Committee, unexpired term, commencing upon election through July 14, 2021. (all active members of a local in Northeast/North Central Region are eligible.)
9. Northwest Region Member of the Education Political Action Committee, three-year term beginning July 15, 2021. (all active members of a local in Northwest Region are eligible.)
10. Southeast Region Member of the Education Political Action Committee, Election District 1, unexpired term, commencing upon election through July 14, 2021. (all active members of a local in Southeast Region Election District 1 - are eligible) Election District 1 – NEA-Lovington, NEA-Pontales, NEA Clovis, Red/Enrico Pontales, NEA-Carlsbad, NEA-Fun. NEA-Hobbs, NEA-AL, NEA-Loving, NEA-Dora, NEA-Tatum, and NEA-TEDCCO—are eligible)
11. Central Region Member of the Education Political Action Committee, three-year term beginning July 15, 2021. (all active members of a local in Central Region are eligible)
12. Member of the NEA-NM Education Political Action Committee, representing Retired Members, three-year term beginning July 15, 2021. (only retired members eligible to nominate and to be nominated) two positions to be elected.

Women In Power

Amid a pandemic that has wrecked our economy and challenged educators to continue delivering a quality public education to all students, we have a unique opportunity to ensure that our NEA-NM recommended representatives get elected into office in the upcoming general election. This election cycle has seen a growing number of women running for office and as we proudly celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote, we remind all to make sure you fully participate in the general elections by registering colleagues to vote and helping to get out the vote. In this issue, we want to make a special mention of all NEA-NM’s recommended women candidates that will work to ensure a quality and equitable public education for all students. Visit our website, nea-nm.org, and look for NEA-NM Recommended Candidates. Candidates recommended through our NEA Advocacy Fund can be found at electionvotes.nea.org

As for the breakdown, our NEA-NM recommended candidates for both State and Federal legislative races in the 2020 General Election, by gender, are:
33 of the 44 State House candidates are women or 75%, including NEA-NM member:
Billie Helean
4 of the 6 New Mexico Public Education Commission candidates are women or 66%, including NEA-NM member:
Trish Ruiz
15 of the 34 State Senate candidates are women or 44%, including NEA-NM members:
Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Neomi Martinez Parra
Siah Correa-Hemphill
Pam Cordova
3 of the 3 US Congressional NEA-NM recommended candidates are women or 100%:
Deb Haaland
Kochil Torres Small
Teresa Leger Fernandez

Mastering Distance Learning Webinar
Join NEA Teacher Quality in a series of webinars designed to help you master the ins and outs of distance learning
October 5, 2020: Leveling Up Schoology for Distance Learning
Register here: https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/314691/
November 2, 2020: Social Emotional Learning in a Virtual Space
Register here: https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/314697/
December 7, 2020: Assessments: Formative and Summative from a Distance
Register here: https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/314701/

NEA-NM 2021 Call for Nominations

The NEA-New Mexico Elections Committee call for nominations for offices of the NEA Board of Directors, NEA-NM Board of Directors, NEA-NM Education Political Action Committee (EdPAC) and delegates to the 2021 NEA Representative Assembly, to be elected in the 2021 All-Member Election. All nomination forms must be received by the NEA-NM President by 5 PM, MT, Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The actual number of retired delegates and cluster delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on January 15, 2021. Student delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on March 15, 2021. If you want to be nominated or want to nominate someone, visit the NEA-NM website, www.nea-nm.org, and click on the “Call for Nominations” picture to access the complete 2021 NEA-NM Elections information: The Elections Calendar, Call For Nominations, and proposed amendments to be voted on at the 2020 Delegate Council.

2020 Proposed Standing Rule Amendment
NEA-NM Delegate Council October 24, 2020

Standing rules are amended by voice vote of the Delegate Council and take effect immediately after adoption.

STANDING RULES AMENDMENT 1.
This amendment changes the candidate contribution reporting requirement for those nominated and running for election as state or cluster Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly.

G. Campaigns
1. No dues money from any NEA affiliates or other civic, labor, or religious organizations, including in-kind contributions shall be used to promote the candidacy, directly or indirectly, of any individual for an NEA-NM office.
2. All candidates except those running for state or cluster RA delegates will retain receipts and other records of expenditures for their campaign, as well as records of contributions, in accordance with NEA guidelines. All candidates will file a campaign contributions/expenditure report with NEA-NM within 30 days of the board ratifying the election results. Such report will list individual contributions, amounts raised through fundraising, in-kind contributions by individuals, and a list of expenditures incurred in the campaign.

RATIONAL: This amendment increases the opportunity for members to be nominated as candidates to run as state or cluster RA delegates without the need to maintain receipts or records, and not be required to file an expenditure report as a state or cluster delegate running for NEA Representative Assembly Delegate.

SUBMITTED BY: Majority vote of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws & Rules, with a “DO PASS” recommendation. Majority vote by the Board of Directors with a “DO PASS” recommendation.