NEA-NM’s Statement about Dr. Karen Trujillo

It is with deep sadness that we learn of the death of our friend and colleague, Dr. Karen Trujillo. As an organization of educators, it was our honor to work alongside Karen these many years in her capacity as a faculty member at NMSU, as a fellow member of the SUCCESS! Partnership coalition in Dona Ana County, in her leadership on recruiting and advancing the educator pipeline in New Mexico, as a candidate for County Commissioner, as Chairman of the County Commission, as NM Public Education Secretary and finally as Superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools.

Karen made it her life’s work to improve the quality of education in New Mexico, and she will be remembered as an advocate for children, students, and young adults in the state of New Mexico. Karen gave freely of her time to causes she believed in, and it is our tragic, collective loss that she was taken from us much too soon.

We will hold her children, husband, extended family and friends close as we all mourn her loss. May her beautiful soul rest in eternal peace.