

## NEA-NM Gears Up for the Gubernatorial Recommendation Process

It's because of what you bring into the room with you: Your years of experience; your connections to your community; and that you dedicated your career to serving the common good by helping to nurture and grow our students.

That is why your voice and participation will be instrumental in NEA-NM's gubernatorial recommendation. We are currently in the process of making recommendations for New Mexico's next Governor. As we already know, Michelle Lujan-Grisham is a friendly incumbent and NEA-NM will consider a recommendation for her as the recommended candidate after our Education Political Action Committee (EdPAC) carefully reviews and considers the responses to a Governor Candidate Questionnaire. EdPAC will then issue a recommendation followed by a final vote by NEA-NM's Board of Directors.

As part of this process, members will also be invited to submit questions and attend a virtual meeting with the Governor. Read more below.

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### Ask The Governor

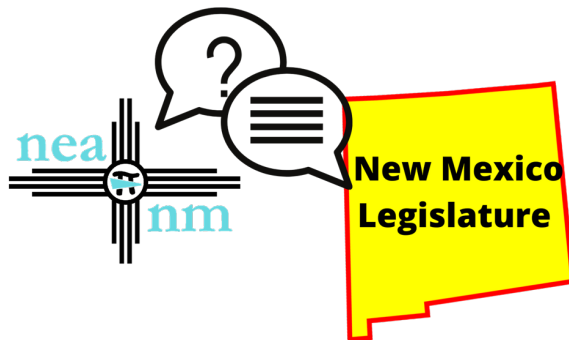
Both your voice and your vote matter as to who will be our next Governor. NEA-NM is hosting a virtual Q&A with Michelle Lujan-Grisham that will be available for members to attend across the state. Do you have a pressing question for her?

The time and date is still forthcoming so be on the lookout for this important event!



[Submit Question](#)

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## School Funding for Next Year Takes Shape

The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) public education subcommittee met Tuesday to review pressing public school issues ranging from declining student enrollment, academic achievement, missed learning time, extended learning time programs, educator shortage, pay and Yazzie/Martinez.

LFC staff presented the most recent research and data around student academic achievement pointing out to legislators and the public that K-5 Plus student enrollment numbers fell to 8,699 from 14,200 the prior year.

NEA-NM supports K-5 Plus and extended learning time programs as long as educator and community voice are included in the design and implementation of these programs. Flexibility and educators/community voice are key. We know the model of a mandatory 'one-size fits all' program does not work for our students.

Legislators were also presented with a table that includes budget line items to help them draft the FY23 public school budget priorities. For example, per the table, it costs approximately \$15.8 million to cover a 1% pay raise for educators and \$25.3 million for a 1% pay raise for all school employees.

The chair of the Senate Finance Committee pointed out on Thursday that K-12 schools will have plenty of money for the next 2 years. That's great news. Let's make sure legislators make the right budget decisions for our students. Stay tuned for more information.

[Follow the discussion](#)

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# GRIT: Geared to Reinforce Inspiring Teachers

NEA-NM is proud to announce the Early Career Educator Conference taking place this upcoming school year. Educators will have the chance to learn from expert teachers and professionals across the state in a virtual setting on Saturday, September 25th or Saturday, November 13th. In the spring, early career educators will get together in-person to continue the learning and discussion in a networking-based state-wide event. This event will include presentations on the following topics:

- Classroom Management
- Education Justice
- Building relationships with all stakeholders
- Communication with community members
- Culturally relevant and responsive teaching
- Self-care and work-life balance
- Increasing and maintaining student engagement

[Professional Development Plans](#), part of the new evaluation system are shown on page 12. Let us help you achieve your goals!

*Registration will open on September 1st and your name will be added to the waitlist!  
Once registration opens, information will be sent straight to your inbox!*

[Register](#)



## 2020 Elections

The NEA-New Mexico Elections Committee calls for nominations for offices to be elected in the 2022 All-Member Election. All [online nomination forms](#) must be received by the NEA-NM President by 5 PM, MT, Tuesday, October 20, 2021. 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, 2022. Student delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on March 15, 2022.

*If you want to be nominated or want to nominate someone, visit the NEA-NM website, [www.nea-nm.org](http://www.nea-nm.org), and click on the “NEA-New Mexico Call for Nominations” picture to access the complete 2022 NEA-NM Elections information: The Elections Calendar, Call for Nominations, and [online nomination form](#).*

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## Take Note Of..

- August 28: [EdUprising Conference on Authentic Assessment](#)- Join Pre-K through 12th-grade educators from around New Mexico for the EdUprising Innovative Assessment conference on August 28th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This conference will be held online and will include energetic, dynamic, and knowledgeable presenters and students to share assessment practices, theory, and stories from the classroom.
- September 6: Labor Day, NEA-New Mexico offices closed



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