

The New Mexico Education Partners Coalition was established in the fall of 2005 for the purpose of promoting and supporting legislative initiatives that help to improve and benefit the public education system in New Mexico. Professional organizations comprising the New Mexico Partners include:

- American Federation of Teachers (AFT) New Mexico
- National Education Association (NEA) New Mexico
- New Mexico Coalition of Education Leaders & Superintendents Association
- New Mexico Parent Teacher Association
- New Mexico School Boards Association

The Partners meet on a regular basis throughout the year to identify and discuss issues facing public education and develop legislative and other proposals to address these issues. The Partners have focused their efforts with the New Mexico Legislature working closely with House and Senate Education Committees and with the respected Legislative Education Study Committee which makes key recommendations on education issues and meets during the interim.

The Partners also play a key role in educating the public and our respective memberships about educational issues and garnering support for legislative initiatives. The Partners disseminate information and encourage members and the public to communicate with their legislators on issues of concern.

Another key role the Partners plays is highlighting the many accomplishments of students, parents, teachers, administrators and school boards who work diligently to improve our public education system in New Mexico. It is extremely important the general public and governmental leaders be aware of the many successes occurring in our public schools every day.

The Partners have been extremely successful in recent years speaking with a united voice to executive and legislative leaders on public school funding, accountability, governance, teacher certification, infrastructure and many other issues that are vital to the operations of New Mexico's public school system.

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