New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders Welcomes New Director

The month of August brought changes to the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders. The Executive Board selected Stan Rounds as the Executive Director to lead the organization in a new direction. Stan is a long-time educator and superintendent in New Mexico and has developed many positive relationships throughout the years.

Stan’s Straight Talk

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you as your Executive Director! We all need to recognize the great work done by Gloria Rendón and the NMCEL Team in the past years. Following the rich legacies of the past Executive Directors is a challenge that I take very seriously. I was pleased to join you at the Summer Conference recently as Gloria passed the torch and was pleased at the out-pouring of support you gave us both. Now, as I settle into this seat, I am certain that, together, we can meet the challenge of collaboratively shaping the future of education for the children in the State of New Mexico.

For those of you who may not know my history:

I am a New Mexico native. “I am New Mexico Public Schools,” being a student and graduate. All of my college education is also “New Mexico.” My career has been in New Mexico school related jobs since 1973. My first superintendency was in Des Moines, New Mexico in 1983. I recently left the Las Cruces Public Schools after 9-1/2 years as its superintendent. I’ve been “reformed” numerous times. That’s right – I have experienced statutory reform of education in New Mexico numerous times. What this does for me foundationally, is make me certain that we, in the Coalition, must step forward to take the leadership of our children’s future.

My first 90 days will focus on listening, planning, reaching out to you, and preparing a tangible plan for how we can accomplish the challenge of actively defining the legacy that we will leave behind for our children. Knowing that, at times, the journey we are on is challenging, I am optimistic that the professionalism, wisdom, and energy necessary to meet this challenge are already present within this Coalition.

The NMCEL Team (Barbara, Jo Lynn and I) stand ready to serve you in this exciting and worthy journey. We look forward to working with you in the days, weeks, months and years to come. I look forward to our conversations during my “Listening Tour” in the next 90 days. It is my pleasure and honor to work with each of you.
Hello and welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! My name is Erik Bose and I have just reached the midterm of my Presidency of NMCEL. It has been an exciting, fast and busy term so far. I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break and you are ready to come back to school re-energized to meet the needs of our students, our staff and the communities we serve. As we begin this year’s adventure, we know that the road ahead will be a challenging one but one that will be filled with great successes that will forever change the lives of our students.

I hope everyone enjoyed the NMCEL Summer Conference, as it was the best attended conference in at least the last eight years. I want to thank everyone who attended and participated. I truly hope that you found a few ideas and strategies that you can take with you. I really connected with the messages from our keynote speakers, Dr. Pedro Noguera and Eric Sheninger, and I will seek ways to incorporate their stories into my daily practice. As we move into this school year with PARCC testing, Teacher/Principal Evaluation and tightening budgets, it is important to remember that our jobs are to find what works for the students in our schools and classrooms so they can be successful in their future—so let’s continue “Keeping Kids First”.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Stan Rounds, our new NMCEL Executive Director. We look forward to doing business with you and having you lead our team. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gloria Rendón for her years of service to the educational community and wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

It continues to be an honor for me to serve as President of this organization and to assist our amazing NMCEL staff in supporting the educational leaders of New Mexico. If you have suggestions, concerns, or need clarification on any educational issues, please let us know. We look forward to serving you and extend best wishes for a successful and fulfilling school year!

Yours in Education,

Erik Bose
NMCEL President
The 2016 NMCEL Conference presentations that were received are now available on the website. You may access them using the following link:

2016 NMCEL Conference Presentations
NMCEL Board Minutes in Brief

July 20, 2016

- Board members approved the Agenda
- Introduction of Board Members
- Announcements
- Discussion Items:
  - 2016 Conference Update
  - Update on Membership
  - Educator Unity Meeting Update
  - Update on Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy
  - 2016-17 Final Budget Review
  - Update on Phone Conferences with Secretary
- Action Items:
  - Board members approved the June 7, 2016 Minutes
  - Board members approved Financial Statements through June 2016
  - Board members took action on 2016-2017 Budget
  - Recognition of 2016 NMCEL Board Members
- Reports:
  - Affiliates
  - Executive Director, Leadership Coordinator, Office Manager, Legislative

Affiliates

- New Mexico School Superintendents Association (NMSSA)
- Albuquerque Public Schools Principals Association (APSPA)
- Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning (NMSU)
- Cooperative Educational Services (CES)
- Eastern New Mexico Educational Resource Center (ENMERC)
- New Mexico Activities Association (NMAAA)
- New Mexico Association of Bilingual Educators (NMABE)
- New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees (NMAER)
- New Mexico Association of Elementary School Principals (NMAESP)
- New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals (NMASSP)
- New Mexico Association of School Business Officials (NMASBO)
- New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (NMASCD)
- New Mexico School Personnel Association (NMSPA)
- New Mexico Society for Technology in Education (NMSTE)
- Regional Educational Cooperatives Association (RECA)
- Southeastern New Mexico Educational Resource Center (SNMERC)
- New Mexico Council of Administrators of Special Education (NMCASE)

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative’s Special Education Law Conference:
What’s New, What’s Hot, and What Do You Need to Know
Melinda Jacobs, Esq

Hotel Andaluz
Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 26 - 27, 2016

To register and for more information, visit: www.hprec.com
At The Forefront of STEM Teaching & Learning

As a part of our commitment to effective STEM education, we have developed a variety of powerful and engaging resources designed to fuel a cultural shift around STEM teaching and learning!

Learn More: DiscoveryEducation.com/STEM
Las Cruces Public Schools’ Controller Earns Certification

Crystal Valdez, Controller at the Las Cruces Public Schools, has earned the distinction of Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations® (SFO). The SFO certification for school business officials establishes a nationally recognized standard of excellence in their field. The certification process is offered through the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) and is sponsored by Horace Mann.

Valdez is only the second school business official in New Mexico to receive the SFO certification. At this time, she is the only active recipient.

Completion of the SFO certification process allows the financial decision makers in our school districts to continue their professional growth and earn a certificate distinguishing their effort and expertise as a school business official. From sourcing school transportation to meeting lunch menu needs and requirements, from finding ways to get technology into the classroom to making sure school employees have quality health insurance, these school business officials wear a variety of hats, making sure every dollar spent goes toward resources that students, staff and teachers depend on.

To begin the SFO certification process, Valdez became familiar with the exam requirements by reviewing the SFO Candidate Handbook. As part of the application process, she agreed to follow the SFO code of conduct and completed a rigorous application demonstrating education and competencies in school business. Finally, Valdez passed both an accounting exam and a school business management exam to receive the designation of SFO. She will continue to maintain the certification through professional development and annual renewal.

ASBO International is an educational association that supports financial decision makers in school systems around the world who are passionate about quality education. Horace Mann is the largest national multiline insurance company focused on helping educators establish retirement goals and understand how to achieve those goals.
Keynote Speakers Inspire Leaders at the 2016 NMCEL Summer Conference

Dr. Pedro Noguera captivated the audience of administrators with his engaging narrative and refreshing passion for the mission of public schools. He stated that everyone needs to be accountable, not just teachers—parents, students, politicians—for educating our children. Dr. Noguera asked the question: “How do we create schools where a child’s race or class does not predict how well they will do?” His response: build strong relationships between educators and students. This is what makes learning possible. This is what results in students who are engaged and motivated to learn.

Eric Sheninger challenged leaders to lead effectively in this digital age as they move their schools and districts forward. He encouraged the audience to embrace Digital Leadership—the dynamic combination of mindset, behaviors, and skills that are employed to change and/or enhance school culture through assistance of technology. Digital leadership established direction, influences others and initiates sustainable change through the access to information to establish relationships in order to anticipate changes pivotal to school success in the future. He shared his seven Pillars of Digital Leadership.

"The start of a school year has to be about building relationships."
- Anabel Gonzalez in Education Week Teacher

"From the first day forward, students should feel safe, respected, challenged, engaged, and always welcome in your classroom."
- Jeryl-Ann Asaro in Education Week Teacher
Senator William “Bill” Soules

Retired Educator, Senate Education

Senator William “Bill” Soules has an extensive background in education having been a high school teacher, middle school principal, elementary school principal and faculty and staff at NMSU College of Education. He served two terms on the Las Cruces School Board and was elected president of the New Mexico School Board Association where he was named Board Member of the Year and was the first person to complete the Master Board Member certification. As a State Senator from Las Cruces, Senator Soules has continued to be a champion for children, public schools and teachers. His extensive background in education gives him a unique perspective into education legislation and how it will affect children and schools. When controversial issues arise, Senator Soules can be counted on to put the interests of children first. He is always willing to stand up for public schools; he makes decisions based on data and research. He is one of the strongest advocates for public schools in the New Mexico Senate. Senator Soules is the Vice-Chair of the Senate Education Committee and is a member of the Conservation Committee. He also serves on several Interim Legislative Committees.

Representative Dennis Roch

Superintendent, House Education

Representative Dennis Roch is currently the Deputy Chair of the House Education Committee and also serves on the House Appropriations and Finance Committee and the House Rules and Order of Business Committee. Representative Roch spent much of his childhood in Clovis, growing up the son of an Air Force Officer stationed at Cannon AFB. In 1995, he received a teaching degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales and then continued his studies in the Washington, D.C. area, earning his master’s degree while working for U.S. Senator Pete Domenici on Capitol Hill. Beginning in 1999, he served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal and assistant superintendent in several eastern NM districts. In 2013, he accepted the position of Superintendent of the Logan Schools and continues in that position today. In 2004, he ran for office and was elected that year to a four-year term on the Public Education Commission. Then, in 2008, he was elected as State Representative for District 67 in northeastern New Mexico. During the interim period between legislative sessions, Representative Roch chairs the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) and also serves on the Legislative Council and the Economic and Rural Development Committee. In addition, he serves as Vice-Chair of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force.
Lecil Richards, Superintendent
House Municipal Schools

Lecil Richards has been in education for forty-five years and indicates that he never ceases to be amazed at the minds of children. “What a gift God gave us when He allowed us to work with the beauty and innocence of a child.” Mr. Richards says that the world does not always realize the power of positive opportunities youth can bestow upon us all. He says all educators have the opportunity every day to encourage the brightest minds in the world to seek out education as a profession, yet we are not as successful as we could be. He would love to change that trend. Education is about true commitment and purpose to give your heart to children. Mr. Richards has been married to Pamela Kay for forty-one years, four months and six days and says she has been the best choice he has made in his life. Pam retired last year as an educator; his parents were both educators and his three siblings have all been teachers—Damon and Quata Jo who both live in Lubbock, and his baby brother Dr. R. L. Richards, who is a retired NM Superintendent and is now the Superintendent in Muleshoe, TX.

R. L. Richards, Superintendent
NM Retired Superintendent

Dr. R. L. Richards grew up in Roswell in a loving Christian home to a superintendent and teacher. He pursued his God-given talents of becoming an educator in Dora and Hobbs after obtaining a B.A. in Math and Science and an M.A. in Education Administration. During his pursuit of a Doctorate Degree, he was offered an opportunity to become one of the youngest elementary principals at the age of 25 in the Ralls Independent School District. After two years, Dr. Richards was offered a position back in New Mexico with the Grady School District; however, during the course of completing his Doctorate Degree on the topic of the four-day school week, he became the Director of REC6 in Portales. Shortly thereafter, he became the Superintendent in Texico, where he had a long, successful career for twenty-two years. As a humble leader, he gives credit for the successes of the district to those working in the schools. Dr. Richards served on several committees to help develop instruction, finance and organizational issues in New Mexico. He enjoyed the fun of the Legislature and learning how the state made decisions about local schools. He used his knowledge to teach future administrators in the graduate courses he taught at ENMU. While president of NMSSA, he worked diligently to unite large and small school districts in the state to become a strong voice for students, teachers, and communities. Dr. Richards and his wife Christi, also an educator, raised their four children on their small farm while in Texico. He is currently Superintendent in Muleshoe, Texas.
Each year during the NMCEL summer conference in July, each state professional Affiliate is given the opportunity to recognize their Administrator of the Year. Congratulations to this year’s award recipients. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to education and the children of New Mexico.

Michael Chavez
Director of Federal Programs
Deming Public Schools

Michael Chavez will start his twenty-third year in public education, having served as middle and high school teacher, assistant and middle school principal, director of bilingual education and now director of federal programs. Mr. Chavez has served on several state and federal committees and task force groups and completed the NMCEL’s Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy, Cohort 6. In his spare time, he works as an adjunct instructor for ENMU’s TESOL Endorsement Program, serves on the NMABE Board and is currently the president-elect. His mission has centered on closing the achievement gap by redefining the role and purpose of developmental bilingual education as a viable and proven method for school improvement. His current endeavor is working to improve the educational experience for underserved student populations by ensuring the provision of equity, career opportunities and high achievement.

Sandra Nunley
Principal
Carlsbad Municipal Schools

Sandra Nunley was born and raised in Carlsbad, NM. Her parents instilled in her a dedicated work ethic, a commitment to community service and respect for our country. Mrs. Nunley graduated from Carlsbad High School and went on to receive a B.A. in Elementary Education from NMSU and an M.A. in Mid-Level Management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She recently retired as the Principal of Riverside Elementary after forty years in the education field. She taught 6th grade, middle school PE and Health, coached, instructed at-risk students and was an administrator in the Carlsbad Municipal School District for twenty-three years. Mrs. Nunley is active in Alpha Delta Kappa, First Baptists Church and the City of Carlsbad. She is a City Councilor for Ward 2 and advocated for youth involvement in government, sports and recreation, environmental issues, tourism and improvement in the infrastructure of her home town. She was very proud to have been awarded New Mexico PTA Principal of the Year in 2015. She is married to Van Nunley and they have two grown children and two granddaughters. She acknowledges that receiving this award would not be possible without the support, shared knowledge and encouragement from fellow administrators.
Will Hawkins has been an educator for seventeen years. During that time he was Teacher of the Year in San Angelo, TX in 2005 and an Outstanding Principal Recipient for Region 17 in 2009. Mr. Hawkins has worked diligently through the NM School Personnel Association to attend all required meetings and trainings provided by NMPED and in turn, imparts all relevant and timely information to Human Resources Directors and colleagues throughout New Mexico. His knowledge and work ethic has enabled the Hobbs Municipal School District to move forward through their tremendous growth period. He is married to Tiffany, also an educator, and has three children.

Theresa Griffin-Golden

Director of Secondary Special Services
Rio Rancho Public Schools

Theresa Griffin-Golden is a second time recipient (2011) of the NMCASE Maggie Cordova Award which represents her continued dedication, commitment and contributions to the field of special education. She has served as an administrator supervising Special Education staff in NM with great heart and enthusiasm for twelve years and has served in the field of special education for twenty years. Ms. Griffin-Golden is currently a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, NMCASE, and previously served as NMCEL Board member. She continues to contribute in NM through professional development for Directors of Special Education on behalf of NMCASE for NMPED. She continually works to ensure students receive an excellent education with a legally compliant and well executed IEP through the creation of sharing of documents processes and procedures aligned to Federal and state special education regulations. She continues to improve her knowledge and expertise in the field of special education.

8th annual Student Leadership Institute (SLI 2016) will take place during the
2016 La Cosecha Conference
Friday, November 11, in Santa Fe

The institute will emphasize the importance of perseverance in leadership and will once again focus on bringing together linguistically and culturally diverse students to focus on issues of identity, leadership, and the development of an asset-based perspective related to their diverse backgrounds.

Informational flyer is on page 18 of this newsletter.
2016 Administrators of the Year cont’d.

Wyley Mauldin
Executive Board Member

Wyley Mauldin spent forty-two years in public education having taught at the junior high, high school and university level, seven of those years as a Trade and Industrial Educator at ENMU, providing technical assistance and teacher certification classes for secondary and post-secondary vocational/technical teachers. While at ENMU, he also served as a consultant/trainer to more than a dozen NM companies and organizations. He then went on to become Assistant Superintendent for Business/Industry Services and Adult Training and Development at High Plains Technical Center in Oklahoma and later became the superintendent. He retired from Melrose and was on the NMPSIA Board. In retirement, Mr. Mauldin has served on the NMAER Board and Legislative Committee and has since assumed the leadership coordination of NMAER’s Adopt-A-Legislator Program. He is an active volunteer in National and State Parks and is a teacher and lay speaker at his church. He serves as a volunteer track and field official at high school and Junior College meets and he and his wife of sixty-three years enjoy traveling and spending time with their kids and grandkids.

Vicki McCarty
Principal/Superintendent
Explore Academy Charter School

Vicky McCarty began her 32nd year in education this past fall as the Principal and Superintendent of Explore Academy, an innovative New Mexico state charter school built on the principles of strong education and college readiness through students’ academic choice. Ms. McCarty began her career at La Cueva High School in 1986 teaching combinations of PE, Health and Special Education, while also coaching both volleyball and softball. She later served as an assistant principal at Rio Rancho High School and V. Sue Cleveland High School before taking her current position in 2014. Ms. McCarty was involved in the planning and start-up of all four high schools of which she has been employed. She received her B.A. from Western New Mexico University and her M.S. in Physical Education from Baylor University in Waco, TX. Ms. McCarty later received her certification in Special Education from the University of New Mexico and her administration licensure from New Mexico Highlands University. She loves photography, hiking and New Mexican food.
Dr. Crit Caton’s tenure as the respected superintendent of the Artesia Public Schools together with his selfless service to both NMCEL, as past president, and the NMSSA, President, reflect his dedication to our professional and to the future of public education in New Mexico. As a leader in these two organizations, Dr. Caton helped restore avenues necessary for meaningful communication between the PED, in particular the NM Secretary of Education, and educational practitioners. He also serves as one of two members representing New Mexico on the AASA Governing Board. Dr. Caton’s most impressive attributes include his communication skills, his insight and professionalism and his passion for public education. Many of his colleagues rely on him, not only for his opinion on education, but also for his moral beliefs. Dr. Caton has done what few educators can do; and that is to follow a legend (Mike Phipps, former Superintendent in Artesia) with equal, if not greater, success. Under his leadership, Artesia Schools has enhanced both its academic and its extracurricular performance. Dr. Caton is a champion for public Education.

Superintendents Finance & Budgeting Training

This two-day workshop will benefit superintendents with one to three years of school budgeting experience; however, all levels of experience are welcome to attend. Registration fee: $125. Refreshments and lunch is provided both days.

Topics include:

- Business Office Structure
- School Funding
- Certified Purchasing Agent & Procurement
- Capital Projects
- Bonding & Debt Management
- Risk Management
- Building & Managing the Budget
- Boards & Superintendents
- Finance Issues from a Legal Perspective
- Superintendents & the Business Official

When

October 11 & 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where

Cooperative Educational Services
4216 Balloon Park Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Contact

John Hickman, 505-344-5470, joan@ces.org
When I think about the teachers who made a difference in my life I realize they were all positive. Mrs. Liota smiled every day and made me feel loved. Coach Caiazzo believed in me while Mr. Ehmann encouraged me to be my best. Years later as I think about the impact these teachers had on my life it’s clear that being a positive educator not only makes you better it makes everyone around you better. Positive educators have the power to transform lives and inspire young minds to believe they can and will change the world. In this spirit here are seven ways we can all choose to be a positive educator.

1. Be Positively Contagious
2. Take a Daily Thank you Walk
3. Celebrate Success
4. Expect to Make a Difference
5. Believe in your students more than they believe in themselves
6. Develop Positive Relationships
7. Show you Care
Reach Out During Recess: Why Advocacy Matters

AASA, The School Superintendents Association

Each year, Congress adjourns for a month (ish) to be in their home districts, a time to step away from the grind of Washington DC and to focus on the issues closer to home and to dialogue with their constituents. In election years—and White House election years in particular—those recesses can last a little longer, and can turn into prime opportunities for school system leaders to campaign and for constituents to highlight the issues that matter to them.

This month’s The Advocate is dedicated to supporting member advocacy while Congress is home for recess. When you make contact with your Congress member or Senator, you could invite them to come visit your school. Use the opportunity to weigh in on any of the variety of federal advocacy policies that are under consideration: school nutrition, ESSA implementation, Perkins Career/Tech education, federal funding/appropriations, regulations and more.

Resources to Support Your Advocacy:

- Need contact information for the education staffers in your delegation? Contact our team.
- Talking Points
  - Perkins/CTE
  - School Nutrition
  - ESSA
  - Regulations
  - Appropriations
  - Secure Rural Schools (Forest Counties)
- Back to School Tool Kit as prepared in coordination with Learning First Alliance (Use your visit to highlight the success of your school and the nation’s public schools in general)
- AASA ESSA Resources Library: A living resource designed to support school superintendents in their work to implement ESSA. Congress feels a sense of ownership over ESSA, and ensuring they hear your feedback on how implementation is playing out is one way to hold the department accountable for regulations it issues that are not consistent with the spirit and intent of ESSA.
- The Leading Edge: This is AASA’s policy blog. It is where we post the latest information. In the last week, we have posted about the latest ADHD guidance, our formal ESSA accountability regulations comments, the final school nutrition competitive foods rule, the forest counties call to action, and a multi-organization letter on ESSA foster care provisions.
- Follow the advocacy team on twitter. We share what we are reading, what we are working on, and what we are learning about federal education policy. (@AASAhq, @Noellerson, @SPudelski, @LeslieFinnan)
This year’s Facilitator, Jim Warford, is a dynamic educational leader and a passionate speaker, drawing on both his powerful personal story and his unique combination of education, business, and creative experience. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Communication and a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership.

Has your school or district invested large amounts of time and money putting technology in the classroom only to find that instruction often still looks the same? How can you get a better return on your investment? This session will explain why it’s about the delivery and not the device. This session will give you a guide for how teachers can use the new tools more effectively, while increasing student engagement and learning.

Symposium registration and hotel information is available on the CES and NMCEL website.
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The United States Senate Youth Program is a national initiative to provide a yearly opportunity for talented young people to demonstrate interest in public service to deepen their interest and understanding of America’s political processes and encourage their commitment to political leadership.

The Program brings the highest-level officials from each branch of government together with a competitively select group of high school students—two high school juniors or seniors from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity—during an intensive week-long educational program held in Washington, D.C. In addition, each student receives a one-time $10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. Now in its fifty-fifth year, the program has been fully funded since inception by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation as part of the Foundation’s commitment to preparing young people for citizenship and leadership.

Applications for the 2016-2017 USSY Program are now being accepted.

Contact Julie Arnold, NMASSP Representative, jarnold@rrps.net

Application Deadline is October 10, 2016.

USSY Program Guidelines and Application can be found on the NMASSP website.
Student Leadership Institute 2016

November 11th
Eldorado Hotel
Santa Fe, NM

Join us during this year’s La Cosecha for the Student Leadership Institute (SLI) 2016!

REGISTRATION Deadline - October 13, 2016
Cost: $75/student

Students:
SLI is open to 8th - 11th grade students. Participating students must be accompanied by a school sponsor.

All students must complete the registration and essay questions on-line via the following link:

Sponsors/Teachers:
All school sponsors must complete the following on-line registration form:
https://dlenm.formstack.com/forms/slisponsors2016

Keynote Speaker: Regis Pecos

Co-Director, Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institute. Regis Pecos is from Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy at Princeton University, where he recently finished a term as Trustee for the University. He is completing his doctorate degree at the University of California at Berkeley. He served as both Lt. Governor and Governor and is a lifetime member of the Tribal Council at Cochiti Pueblo. Regis served for 16 years as Executive Director of the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs under four administrations. He is now Chief of Staff to the New Mexico Speaker of the House and co-founded the Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institute.

Contact Melanie at melanie@dlenm.org with payment questions.
Contact Ariel at ariel@dlenm.org with any other questions.