



**Albuquerque Public Schools
Questionnaire for Board of Education Candidates**

The Board of Education is an elected body created according to the laws of the state of New Mexico to serve as the governing board of the school district for the purpose of organizing, maintaining, and locating schools and for providing educational opportunities and services for all citizens residing within the school district.

Candidates are requested to return their questionnaire to the Board Services Office, by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2011. Mailed questionnaires must be **received** by Friday, January 7, 2011. Address to: Board Services Office, 2011 Board Election, APS Administration Building, 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 88110. Questionnaires may also be faxed to 880-2575 by the deadline above. Please call the Board Services Office at 880-3737 to confirm fax arrivals, or for other information.

Personal Information

Name: Dolores A. Griego
First Middle Last

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Length of Residency in School District: 24 yrs

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Occupation: Youth Service Center Alternatives to Incarceration Coordinator

Employer: County of Bernalillo

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Do you currently hold other public office?

Yes No

If yes, list office: APS BOARD SECRETARY

Do you have any affiliations with the Albuquerque Public Schools? Yes No

If yes, what are your affiliations? _____

Are you available to attend Board meetings the first and third Wednesday nights of the month at 5 p.m.? Yes

No

Additionally, there are four board committees that meet twice a month at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 5 p.m. Are you available to attend committee meetings? Yes No

If no, please explain why: _____

Periodically, the Board must meet during daytime hours for Board meetings, budget hearings, and luncheons. Are you available during daytime hours for these activities?

Yes No

If no, please explain why: _____

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, the Board requires approximately ten hours a week in reading, researching, miscellaneous meetings, school visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence. Can your schedule accommodate the extra time involved in serving as a Board member? Yes No

Experience

Answers should be brief and concise.

1. Why do you want to be a board member for Albuquerque Public Schools?

To continue the initiatives that have begun in my district. Continue to advocate for adequate funding and push for greater accountability in the classroom. Advocate for greater initiatives for parent engagement.

2. What is your interest in education?

Education is the answer to the success of my home state New Mexico. Education can and will transform neighborhoods of poverty. It will eliminate unnecessary suffering and premature death.

3. How would you support the mission of the district? Continue to work in collaboration with other stake holders and APS Superintendent

4. What is your past and current involvement with Albuquerque Public Schools? Parent of students, Grandparent of students. Board member

5. What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of Albuquerque Public Schools?

Strengths are the many individuals that work tirelessly to serve our children.

Weakness is the internal and external communications. This is a goal we have not reviewed.

6. What is the role of the Board of Education? To hire and fire the Superintendent: Set Policy and approve or disapprove budgets.

7. What is the role of individual board members?

To work collaboratively and respectfully with other board members and the Superintendent for the betterment of the educational system.

8. What should be the relationship between the superintendent and Board of Education? One of respect and honesty. Working towards meeting the needs of APS children.

9. What unique qualities would you bring to the Board of Education?

Experience, passion, knowledge of the system. Success in my individual district and the ability to remain focused on the needs of children.

10. Other school/community volunteer activities related to the community:

NALEO National Association of Latino Elected Officials, New Mexico School Boards, Council of Great City Schools. South West Alliance of Neighbors. ABC Community Schools Partnership, West Central Community Development Group. Many other committies

11. What are your thoughts about:

a. No Child Left Behind.

- No Child Left Behind is a moving target. However it pointed out the deficits of the educational community and how children were being left behind.

b. Closing the achievement gap.

- To close the achievement gap we need to deal with the relevance of education to different races and ethnic groups. The first order of business to address the achievement gap must be adjust the attitudes towards the capabilities and the expectations toward all children.

c. Parental involvement and community engagement:

- This is the number one factor that determines the success of our children. It is the most important.

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