

# Candidate

## Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education, North Valley District #3

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask for your help. I am a candidate for the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education, for the North Valley District #3.

This position is important. Public schools have a critical impact on our children and our communities. We must organize for a complete transformation of our education system. This institution must reflect the best of our abilities to insure every student's potential and success.

Schools must become a force for a new kind of change at the individual and community level. The actions each of us must take will not necessarily be easy, but they are deeply necessary for our communities long range survival. To start with, I am asking that you vote on February 3rd.

Fundamentally, we must work to organize these precious institutions to insure that each student is treated with complete respect. Students must have a system of care built around them throughout their learning careers. Communities must re-prioritize our schools and so we must work to re-invest in this critical priority. Teachers and Educational Assistants must be supported and adequately compensated. Administrators must be provided the resources they need to do the job they have been tasked to do.

This campaign is dedicated to build community involvement, encourage community leadership as we seek out fresh solutions to longstanding issues, not just recycled plans. Schools must build critical thinking and leadership skills, not just that of being a source for socialization into a society that is not responsive to the majority of its citizenry. Issues as I see them are:

1. Build and Implement a plan to address the drop out rate, not just lower the bar on overall expectations. A graduation goal of 62% does not constitute a plan.
2. Build and implement a plan to support Educational Assistants and Teachers. Meet the request of EA's to raise pay by 1.00 per hour.
3. Build community involvement.
4. Establish and Implement a Diversity Plan for Albuquerque Public Schools.

This is a new venture for me, as some of you may know. I feel strongly that the APS Board must seek out the support and involvement of parents, and students. As a Board, we must oversee the implementation of a community-wide action plan, which serves as a catalyst for organizing at the neighborhood level.

### How can you help?

- A. Join my organizing committee.
- B. Circulate this flyer to your friends and family in Dist. 3.

Make a donation to my campaign: Committee to Elect Lorenzo Garcia, APS Board



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