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**GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS
TO NEW MEXICO EFFECTIVE TEACHING TASK FORCE**

SANTA FE – Governor Susana Martinez announced today that she has made appointments to the New Mexico Effective Teaching Task Force. The task force was created by an Executive Order issued by Governor Martinez with the direction to develop and propose policies to identify, recruit, reward, and retain outstanding teachers and educators.

“In order to provide the best possible education for New Mexico children, we must bring excellent teachers into our classrooms and we must keep them there,” said Governor Martinez. “This task force brings together talented and committed people from a wide array of backgrounds and perspectives in order to help my administration develop policies that will make a real difference in the lives of New Mexico's young people.”

The task force is comprised of twelve people, in addition to Public Education Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera and leaders from the Legislative Finance Committee and Legislative Education Study Committee. Of the twelve appointed members, nine are current or former teachers, eight represent minority or special needs communities, seven are school administrators, and six are parents. Representatives from the business community and organized labor have also been appointed.

“It’s time for a change of course in New Mexico’s schools. Throwing money at a subpar system simply has not produced the results that our students, teachers, and parents deserve,” Governor Martinez continued. “I have asked this task force to develop a plan to find, reward, and retain great teachers who can give our students an education that will prepare them for success in college, in the workforce, and in life.”

“Our goal is to attract talented people to the teaching profession and reward New Mexico's great teachers with the recognition they deserve,” added Skandera. “Those teachers can serve as role models as we work to provide an education that gives our students every opportunity to succeed.”

The members of the New Mexico Effective Teaching Task Force are:

- **Charles Bowyer**, Albuquerque; Executive Director of the National Education Association – New Mexico
- **Lindsey Cross**, Gallup; Managing Director, Teacher Support and Development at Teach for America
- **Tammy Davis**, Artesia; Principal at Central Elementary School in Artesia
- **James Gallegos**, Cimarron; Superintendent at Cimarron Municipal Schools
- **Nyeta Haines**, Las Cruces; Principal at Las Cruces High School
- **Cherie Love**, Las Cruces; Second grade general education teacher at Conlee Elementary School in Las Cruces
- **Lillian Montoya-Rael**, Santa Fe; Principal at Flywheel Ventures
- **Dennis Roch**, Texico; Assistant Superintendent at Texico Municipal Schools and Member of the New Mexico House of Representatives serving on the House Education Committee
- **Dr. Karen Sanchez-Griego**, Albuquerque; Principal of Atrisco Heritage Academy High School in Albuquerque
- **Katherine Sandoval-Snider**, Albuquerque; Director at Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics and Science
- **Dr. Suchint Sarangarm, Roswell**; Assistant Superintendent for Assessment, Evaluation and Technology at Roswell Independent Schools
- **Carlotta Thode**, Kirtland; Legal Secretary at Farmington City Attorney’s Office

Per the Governor’s Executive Order, Public Education Secretary-designate Skandera, Legislative Finance Committee Director David Abbey, and Legislative Education Study Committee Executive Director Frances Ramírez-Maestas will also serve on the task force.

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