



In the fall of 2019, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) requested that all New Mexico school districts establish a Superintendent's/Executive Director's Equity Council.

This Council will be a local-level team that will help inform the district's actions and solutions in response to Martinez/Yazzie. This group is responsible for addressing key areas related to Martinez/Yazzie and the four deliverables:

1. readiness assessment
2. equity plan
3. culturally and linguistically responsive (CLR) frameworks
4. funding report

The Equity Council will provide updates to and collaborate with the school boards and school governing bodies. The Superintendent's Executive Director's Equity Councils are an advisory; they do not make final decisions or policy.

**SAMS Academy Equity Council Process:**

An email was sent to all parents, staff, and board members with an explanation of the purpose of the Equity Council. The email contained an application to be submitted if they were interested. All applications were reviewed and the Equity Council was chosen from the submitted applications taking into consideration the representation of groups that need to be members of the Equity Council.

SAMS Academy Equity Council Members:

Elise Rodriguez – Parent

Juan Samaniego – Parent

Viola Cox-Henry- Parent

Shannon Baldonado – School Staff

Bridget Barrett - Coordinator