



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 2, 2024

Los Lunas, NM - Los Lunas Schools' (LLS) Board of Education (BOE) member Monica J. Otero, who represented single-member district #2, submitted her resignation—effective immediately-- from the LLS' BOE on Friday, July 26, 2024. In a written statement received by each member of the LLS' BOE, Mrs. Otero stated,

“I am writing to you to announce my resignation from the Los Lunas Schools Board of Education, effective immediately. My new home address is not in the district in which I was serving and therefore I will no longer be able to serve. I am so proud to have served this district, the wonderful staff and especially the students. My hope is that you will put students first in all of your decisions.”

Los Lunas Schools BOE president Dr. Michelle Osowski accepted Mrs. Otero's resignation via a written statement:

“Very sadly, and (with) deep regret, I accept your letter of resignation effective immediately. You have been an outstanding representative for your community; your sincere desire for the students of Los Lunas shines through and you are an exemplary model of service over self. Thank you for your service and I look forward on calling for your continued presence and service to Los Lunas Schools.”

Mrs. Otero's resignation is a culminating action required by the New Mexico Constitution, Article XII Section 15:

“Change of residence to a place outside the district from which a school board member was elected shall automatically terminate the service of that school board member and the office shall be declared vacant.”

The process to identify and replace a school board member is outlined in NM statute and must occur within 45 days of the date of the resignation (NMSA 22-5-9) or the decision defaults to the Secretary of Education, Dr. Arsenio Romero.

The LLS' BOE will determine the method of receiving public interest and the process for selecting the candidate for the vacancy at the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 starting at 6:00 PM, select the BOE members-elect at the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024; and conduct the Swearing In Ceremony on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 during the Regularly Scheduled BOE meeting.

Questions or concerns can be forwarded to Dr. Osowski at mosowski@llschools.net.

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