

Candidates for DELAC Officer - Honor & Justice

Location: Farber Professional Learning Center ● **Election Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2026 ● **Time:** 5:00PM - 7:00PM



Virgen Leon

Lane Elementary

Background:

She is a parent of nine children, seven of whom are currently enrolled in Fresno Unified School District. Of those seven, two are identified as English Learners. Her two oldest children are now adults; one is pursuing a master's degree with the goal of becoming an attorney, and the other is serving in the United States Air Force.

Experience:

She is deeply committed to supporting student success and has consistently sought opportunities to better understand effective strategies that help children achieve academic success. She has volunteered in preschool classrooms, assisting teachers in supporting early learning. Additionally, she has contributed her time to the local organization Go Fresno, where she has advocated for students and worked to support improvements within the educational system.

Statement:

My focus will be on supporting parents and clearly communicating the benefits of reclassification for English Language Learners. I am motivated by challenges, and I believe that new opportunities serve as an important avenue for personal and professional growth.



Miriam Avalos

Hidalgo Elementary

Background:

Mother of three children enrolled in Fresno Unified School District, attending preschool, kindergarten, and first grade. One of her children is identified as an English Learner in kindergarten. All three children attend Hidalgo.

Experience:

She is highly engaged in her school community, consistently attending parent coffee hours and actively participating in school initiatives. She has completed leadership training through Parent University and currently serves as President of the School Site Council. In addition, she manages the Eagle Store at Hidalgo and

volunteers regularly to support student safety by assisting with school crosswalks.

Statement:

Having been an English Learner student myself when I was in school and currently have bilingual children, I will advocate for equality, fairness and justice for all English Learner students.

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Stephania Figueroa

Norseman Elementary

Background:

Mother of twins, both identified as English Learners. They are currently enrolled in first grade at Norseman.

Experience:

She has served as a field trip chaperone for the past two years and regularly attends a variety of school events. She is currently an active DELAC representative and serves on her school's English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC).

Statement:

I am eager to deepen my understanding of the programs, support services, and resources available to English Learners, including the inner workings of the district. I am committed to advocating for parents and ensuring they are well-informed about important information that benefits both them and their children. If elected, I will faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of DELAC Honor & Justice while supporting student success and family engagement.



Nora Jardon

Thomas Elementary

Background:

She is a parent of four children, three of whom have been reclassified as fluent English proficient. Her youngest child is currently an English Learner at Thomas Elementary School, where she also serves as a DELAC representative.

Experience:

Has experience serving as a DELAC representative in Tioga and Hoover, participated in school site councils, leadership courses at Parent University, PIQE workshops, attended LCAP meetings, coffee hours, and various school district events over the past eight years

Statement:

I would like to serve on the DELAC Officers Board to support parents of English learners in their efforts to reclassify their children. I am committed to fulfilling my role to the best of my ability on behalf of our English learners and their families. If elected, I would be honored to serve you.