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Travis Dempsey: Supt. of the Year

The New Mexico School Superintendent's Association (NMSSA) has selected Travis Dempsey, Superintendent of the Gadsden Independent School District, as the 2020/2021 Superintendent of the Year. He will be eligible for the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Superintendent of the Year Award and will be recognized at the AASA Conference in February 2021 in New Orleans, LA.

"We are proud of his accomplishments and I know he will represent New Mexico well at the national level," said Stan Rounds, Executive Director for NMCEL and NMSSA.

Supt. Dempsey is serving as president of the NM Superintendents Association. He has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, especially during the statewide COVID-19 school closure.

"He has led the association in a manner that has proven to be beneficial for his peers," as was noted in his nomination for the state award. "Mr. Dempsey is readily available to members of the association, had developed a good communication pipeline with the NMPED and has all the while efficiently carried out his duties as superintendent and association president."

"He has lifted Gadsden ISD into the 21st Century in terms of technology, which has held us in good stead during this pandemic," said Susie Yturralde, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for Gadsden. "The organization and

Supt. Travis Dempsey



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Española Superintendent Strengthens Communication

The **Espanola Public School District** hired long-time educator Fred Trujillo as the new superintendent for the district. Trujillo brings over 27+ years of educational experience which includes 19 years of administrative experience in NM and Colorado. Trujillo has brought a change in philosophy to the district that he hopes will move the district in an upward trajectory with positive student academic growth. Communication is key.

The district is working to communicate with its stakeholders regularly, enabling all to be updated accordingly as the district navigates through these unprecedented times. Trujillo vows to keep the students' best interests in deep regard with every decision made. His years of experience in Colorado and New Mexico (20 years in Northern NM—Chama Valley Schools and Pecos ISD), give him the background and knowledge to move the district into the future in a positive manner. These invaluable experiences have no doubt enlightened him to the tradition and culture of beautiful northern NM and its people. He will use this knowledge to guide the district in the next phase under his leadership.

*Fred Trujillo
Superintendent*



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