Marion E. Whitfield
Kodak Park School No. 41
Rochester, New York

“My interest in seeking the position of Zone Director is founded upon the philosophy of placing our students first. Working in the capacity of Zone Director will allow me the opportunity to support the principles, practices, and procedures of school administration in my area, while increasing my effectiveness in bringing such supports to my zone. As an instructional leader in the Rochester City School District, I have worked to collaborate with teachers and administrators on topics such as teaching standards, research trends, curriculum adoption, effective use of data, and building leadership capacity. I have built a reputation of trust and respect among my colleagues, and I am recognized as an experienced academic facilitator. I am most interested in serving Zone 2 in this capacity.”


Professional Affiliations: NAESP 2010-present — Association of Supervisors & Administrators of Rochester, 2006-present — School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS), 2006-present


Tanya Patricia Jones
Woodall School
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

“It would be my great honor to serve as your NAESP Zone 8 Director. As the leader of a pre-K-8 school, I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the board, encompassing both an elementary and middle school point of view. As the Federal Relations Coordinator for Oklahoma, I have had an active role in shaping the lives of Oklahoma’s children. I look forward to leading and advocating for education in a broader capacity at the board level. I believe that relationships are the most important aspect of our work and the foundation of my professional code. Families, students, teachers, state-elected officials, and national leaders are all keys to a successful school experience. We cannot afford to lose any one of these vital connections and endanger the future of a child in our care. If elected, I pledge to keep those relationships strong for Zone 8 principals.”


Education: M.A., School Administration, Northeastern State University, 2001 — B.S., Education, Northeastern State University, 1995

Raul C. Sanchez
Ruth N. Bond Elementary School
Kirtland, New Mexico

“With the challenges of budget cuts, accountability, and adequate yearly progress, we are at the crossroads to defend what we have or create what we need. My leadership as a teacher and administrator for 31 years is encircled with dedication and passion to pave the road to success for diverse students and staff. The dream became reality when I was the first generation to further my education. This instilled in me the desire to help others attain their dream. Over time, many opportunities have been afforded to me to expand my stakeholder relationships, inclusive of the NAESP and NMAESP leaderships. As the New Mexico Federal Relations Coordinator, partnerships have been created with legislators and colleagues at the national and state level through continuous communication and shared knowledge. I would like to continue this journey for our NAESP members by having the honor and privilege in being YOUR Zone 8 representative.”

Professional Experience: Principal, Bond Elementary, ‘02-present — Adjunct Professor, Univ. of New Mexico, ‘02–’04 — Adjunct Professor, San Juan College, ‘02–’04 — Athletic Director, Teacher, Coach, & Advisor, Navajo Prep. School, ‘00–’02 — District Bilingual Coordinator, Farmington School District, ‘98–’00 — Principal, Esperanza Elementary, ‘96–’98 — Principal, Northeast Elementary, ‘94–’96 — Principal, Loving Elementary, ’81–’94 — Teacher, Coach, & Club Sponsor, Eunice High, ’80–’81 — Bilingual/Classroom Teacher & Coach, Loving Elementary, ‘74–’80


Professional Honors: Ruth N. Bond New Mexico Governor’s Excellence Award, ’09 — NAESP Natl Distinguished Principal, ’08 — New Mexico Elem. Principal of the Yr., ’07 — Farmington District Bilingual Program Exemplary Recognition, New Mexico Public Ed., ’00

Civic/Community Honors: Eastern New Mexico Speaker to bilingual ed. students, ’03 — Carlsbad Mental Health Board, ’84–’86 — San Jose Catholic Church Parish Council, ’83–’85 — Carlsbad Little Girls Softball Assn., ’88–’90 (President, ’88–’89; Board Member, ’89–’90)