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Here is our February issue of 2020! You are receiving a copy because your district is a member of SWREC or you signed up to receive our monthly newsletters.

We hope you like what you see and that information contained is useful. We know not all content is for everyone, but we hope there is something you find informative! Please feel free to give feedback regarding content, whether it is what is included or something you'd like to see, by emailing Prestine (pparten@swrecnm.org) or calling 575-546-5951. Thank you!



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Upcoming Events



A complete list of events and registration links can be found on our website calendar.

Just click the "Take me to SWREC Events Calendar" button above!

**Professional Learning Opportunities at
SWREC Training Center
1321 E Poplar in Deming, NM**

Click on titles for more information and registration information.

[Dossier Meet and Plan Mar 5](#)

[Leadership Academy: What Every Leader Should Know Session 4 April 2](#)

FREE to member district staff!

Cost is \$150 for non-member districts for full-day workshops, \$75 for half-day workshops. *If you have any questions, please call (575) 546-5951 and ask to speak with Lisa Pastran, our Event Coordinator extraordinaire!*



**Have IDEAS or NEEDS for other learning topics?
Email Chasity Montes at cmontes@swrecnm.org to share!**



left to right: Chasity Montes and Shannon Treadwell

Get to know us

Instructional Specialists

Committed: There is no greater motivation than seeing our instructional coaches working alongside our districts and teachers.

Optimistic: Motivated towards the continued success of our districts and teachers, and keep the energy levels up.

Accountable: When things are going well, they praise. However when problems arise, they identify them quickly, seek solutions, and get back on track.

Clear Communicator: Communication is the key to success

Honest: honest and ethical behavior is a key value

Southwest Regional Education Cooperative Instructional Specialists help create and develop top-notch educators through classroom support and trainings. Every day their work has a positive impact on schools, teachers and students in the southwest region of New Mexico.

Chasity Montes has been with SWREC as an instructional coach since 2014. Her love for teaching and making a difference for New Mexico educators and students has inspired her to shift from an elementary educator (for over seventeen years) to a regional instructional coach, supporting educators in our eight districts.

Shannon Treadwell joined SWREC in 2018. She was fortunate to have a strong mentor and support group at the beginning of her teaching career, and after 21 years in the classroom, was inspired to move her teaching to adults as an instructional coach. It is Shannon's goal to continue to help teachers grow and to share ways to use data in the school and classroom to best know where students are and how to best reach them.

Our instructional coaches/specialists are the pipeline that brings research together with practice, helping teachers learn to improve their skills in a reflective supportive setting. The coaches help analyze schools' data and facilitate conversations among the faculty. Additionally, they support teachers and administrators in using data to improve instruction for all students.

SWREC Instructional coaches work closely with teachers. They are co-planners, co-teachers and providers of actionable feedback. Sometimes this work is done through co-planning units of study, providing over-the-shoulder coaching, participating in co-team teaching, modeling lessons, encouraging reflective practices, assisting with small group instruction and co-creating classroom management techniques. The coaches also engage in discussions with teachers that result in collaborative, reflective, accountable, self-evaluative and participative practices that support the educational processes of all students and teachers.

The SWREC coaches walk-the-talk and model the need for continuous learning. They frequently attend professional development to increase their talents in the field of education. They keep themselves up-to-date with cutting-edge research in education and ensure that our regional schools are aware of current NMPED expectations for teaching, supporting and assessing students.

The coaches are in the trenches with the teachers helping them to understand the “whys” and “hows” of teaching. They collaborate with teachers in designing instruction that includes multiple instructional and assessment strategies to meet the needs of ALL students. The coaches also coordinate with other specialists in the school to provide a transparent and aligned approach to the educational processes in the school.

As a mentor, our coaches are critical friends supporting all teachers: alternative licensure, novice and experienced. The instructional coaches provide guidance and structure that new teachers need and encourage relationship building among colleagues. Our coaches focus on teachers' strength. They offer an experienced ear for teachers to share ideas with and champion their successes-big or small.

So, whether you see them in your schools, classrooms, or in our training center sharing their expertise, you have quality instruction support available to you from Southwest Regional Education Cooperative's instructional services team through these dynamic education leaders!

Monthly Recap

145 members attended our January Trainings:

Station: Digging Deep

How to Write Informational Text with Jill Jackson

Leadership Academy: What Every Leader Should Know Session 3

The IEP: It is More than Just a Legal Document

Dossier Meetings

CPI Initial Training

Navigating the Waters: What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Special Education and Section 504

CPI Refresher Training

Keep Growing Engagement with NM Agriculture in the Classroom: An NGSS Experience

Did YOU attend one of our trainings? If you did not complete our online feedback form, please click [here](#) to give us feedback so we can improve our offerings!



All eight of our districts have Spring Break during the month of March.

SWREC Deming Office closed March 16 - 20
SWREC Business Office T or C closed March 23 - 27

Watch for our next edition of the newsletter in April!

... now there is Smishing that you have to be aware of to protect yourself? So what is Smishing? [Read more](#). And [here](#) is one that is circulating right now that looks like it is from Verizon, and is very authentic looking!

... the legislative session ends at

DID YOU KNOW...

noon on February 20?

Information can be found on the NM legislative website [here](#)

... **New Mexico participates in Troops to Teachers?** [Find out more](#)

... **it's assessment season?** [Here is the NMPED updated assessment calendar](#)

Who are we?

Southwest Regional Education Cooperative (SWREC) is an agency serving 8 member public school districts in southwest New Mexico by providing professional development, classroom and leadership coaching, technical assistance and fiscal management.

MEMBER DISTRICTS include:

- Animas Public Schools
- Cobre Consolidated Schools
- Deming Public Schools
- Hatch Valley Public Schools
- Lordsburg Municipal Schools
- Reserve Independent Schools
- Silver Consolidated Schools
- T or C Municipal Schools

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