"Economies of scale through (RECs) allow districts to leverage limited resources into targeted support for multiple schools and to share costs with other school districts. RECs must also be accountable to their customers, react to the marketplace, act as entrepreneurs, and respond to federal, state, and local district needs."

Rod Paige, Past-U.S. Secretary of Education

#### **ABOUT THE COOPERATIVES**

In 1984, the New Mexico State Board of Education established Regional Center Cooperatives (RCCs) under SBE Regulation No. 84.6. In 1993, the New Mexico State Legislature created Regional Education Cooperatives, Act 22-2B-1 to 22-2B-6, NMSA 1978, as "state agencies administratively attached to the Public Education Department". Unlike educational service agencies in other states, Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) receive minimal direct, state funding to support the programs and services they provide. Their existence and success depends upon providing programs and services that would otherwise be cost prohibitive to their member districts. The RECs depend upon revenues from contracted delivery of services to districts, grants, inter-governmental agreements, and jointpowers agreements.

https://www.nmreca.org

#### **About the Association**

The New Mexico Regional Education Cooperatives Association (NMRECA) is composed of ten Regional Education Cooperatives that are located throughout New Mexico, supporting 89 school districts, charter schools, and state-supported schools, with direct services to 69 member districts.

The NMRECA envisions a system of regional and statewide collaboration ensuring all New Mexico children, families, schools, and communities receive high-quality and comprehensive education and health services.

NMRECA was organized in 1997 by the Executive Directors of the regional education cooperatives.

NMRECA is affiliated with the NM Coalition of Educational Leaders (NMCEL), Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA), Association of School Business Officials (ASBO), Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), and National Staff Development Council (NSDC).

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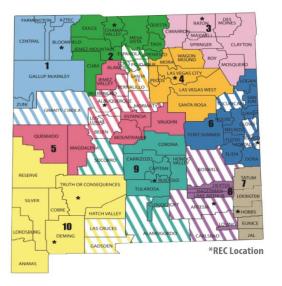
NMRECA...Educational service
agencies collaborating as partners
in support of the educational mission
for all New Mexico students!



### **NMRECA MAP**

New Mexico's 10 RECs are geographically distributed across the state and support 89 School Districts, with direct services to 68 member districts.





RECs are a vital and necessary component of New Mexico's education system and will continue to serve as a conduit and delivery system for New Mexico's school improvement and transformation.

#### **NMRECA SERVICES: A SNAPSHOT**

Collaborative Educational
Partnerships and Services with
Local and State Agencies, and
Federal Grants and Initiatives

Comprehensive Support Services for Member Districts

**Special Education Services and Support** 

Structured Literacy Services and Support

Pre-K -12 Services and Support

Professional Development and Learning for Pre-12-K Services and Support

**Medicaid Billing and Supports** 

Professional Learning Support for Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Instruction (CLRI)

School-Based Health/Mental Health Services and Support

**Technology Services and Support** 

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