

**Valerie Brea, Executive Director  
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**Background and Information**

Valerie Brea is the Executive Director of the Southwest Regional Education Cooperative-SWREC 10. She has been in education for 29 years. She spent the first eight years of her career as a special education teacher in a self-contained K–5 class and then as a reading coach in an elementary school in Silver City, New Mexico.

During these years, she obtained two master's degrees in special education and educational leadership, in addition to her BA in elementary education. Valerie has been a general education teacher, a Special Education teacher, a principal, and Special Education Director, and she holds Level-3A K-12 Instructional Leader and Level-3B Administrative Licenses.

Ms. Brea has spent the past 13 years working with the Southwest Regional Education Cooperative (SWREC), designing and implementing professional development for teachers covering a wide range of topics. She also coaches principals in the New Mexico PED RISE program and serves as the Special Education Support contact for the SWREC member districts. She is passionate about supporting fair and equitable education for ALL students in New Mexico.