



Arenas, Ortega-Rosales and White Will Continue Serving on PESD Board

Award-winning board members continue to “bee-lieve” in the students, staff, families and communities they serve

November 4, 2020 - Phoenix, Arizona – According to the Maricopa County Recorder’s Office, Jose Arenas, Hilda Ortega-Rosales and Jete White, current Pendergast District board members, will continue to serve on the board. The November 3rd board election was uncontested and cancelled due to having three board members applying for the three open positions. All three board members filed the necessary qualifying signatures that were verified in July to ensure their eligibility to serve.

Arenas, Ortega-Rosales and White will serve alongside Susan Serin and Senator Martin Quezada to make up the five member board. In 2017, the board was honored with the Arizona School Board Association’s Lou Ella Kleinz Excellence in Governance Award, the highest honor for a school board. This award recognizes an Arizona school board that has demonstrated outstanding education leadership for the year. It is named in honor and memory of former ASBA Executive Director Lou Ella Kleinz, who served the association from 1971 to 1991.

Arenas is currently a high school administrator, Ortega-Rosales, a recently retired school administrator and White is a high school teacher. All are committed to public schools and giving students the very best experiences in Pendergast District including: STEAM programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, as well as the Dual Language Academies throughout the district, Superintendent’s Eighth Grade Council, and an amazing staff focused on the educational opportunities for the students.

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast Superintendent shares, “Our board members give countless hours as volunteers to serve their district, schools and communities. They live as role models of education advocates and servant leaders. We are so fortunate to have a board totally committed to doing what is in the best interests of the students, staff, families and communities they serve.”