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Alamogordo Schools Welcomes Back Two Incredible Staff

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Alamogordo Public Schools is thrilled to welcome back two amazing women. Dr. Ernestine Baca has rejoined the Alamogordo Public School team as the new Assistant Principal at Chaparral Middle School and Mary Irene Brabson is the new Principal at Sierra Elementary School. We are excited to have them return after some time away. They will certainly be strong additions to the leadership team and equally strong advocates for students.

Dr. Baca has worked in education for 37 years (27 yrs. at NMSU-Alamogordo /10 yrs. with APS). She is a native of Alamogordo with solid ties to this community being born and raised here, and a graduate of Alamogordo High School. She has a strong love for the educational system, this community, and the students we serve. She has worked with a variety of students from junior & senior high levels, adults, and senior citizens. She has held a variety of positions in APS such as PE Teacher, assistant girls/boys track coach at AHS, assistant high school boys/girls coach, and head volleyball coach. At NMSU-Alamogordo she had the pleasure of holding the following positions, PE teacher, Special Events Coordinator, and Health Fair Coordinator. Dr. Baca shared, “I have had the best jobs in the world working with students, that is why I made the decision to return to my passion of working with students in a community I love.”

Mary Irene Brabson has a bachelors in Special Education and a MA in Educational Leadership. She has been in education for 18 years starting as a teacher for preschool students with developmental disabilities in Deming Public Schools (DPS). She moved to Cloudcroft in 2013, became an Elementary Special Education teacher from PreK to 5th grade, and then became an IEP Specialist for Alamogordo Public Schools. She returned to Deming Public Schools as a Special Education Teacher while completing her Masters in Educational Leadership and taking the Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) position for the DPS Preschool before rejoining the APS team this semester. Brabson shared, “I enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. I am always learning and love helping students become successful.”

Welcome back, Dr. Ernestine Baca and Mary Irene Brabson.

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