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Hatch Valley Public Schools Announces Finalists for Superintendent Interviews

The Hatch Valley Board of Education is pleased to announce that they have selected four candidates to interview for their superintendent vacancy. The candidates selected for interviews are:

Deanna Balderrama from Las Cruces
Dr. Verenice Gutierrez from El Paso
Dr. Fred Montalvo from Las Cruces
Laura Salazar Flores from Chaparral

Interviews are scheduled to be conducted on November 8, 2025. The Board has appointed an Advisory Committee of parents, staff and community members to assist them in the process and provide input. The Board will make the final decision on the next Superintendent.

The Hatch Valley Board retained the services of NMSBA's Tom Sullivan and Dr. Linda Paul to assist in conducting their search. The consultants reviewed and screened fourteen applications for the position. The Board selected the four finalists.