

PRESS RELEASE



Mr. Charles Sallee, Deputy Director of the Legislative Finance Committee, will be speaking on the ground-breaking *Yazzie v. State of New Mexico* lawsuit which will change the way New Mexico funds its public schools. Mr. Sallee has worked for the Legislative Finance Committee since 2005, conducting and overseeing program evaluations of state agencies, higher education, and public schools. He also conducted evaluations for the Texas Legislature at the Sunset Commission. Some of his work has led to major policy changes or cost savings in the areas of

Medicaid, higher education, adult and juvenile corrections, public schools, and worker's compensation. He also has experience providing direct human services, including to people with developmental disabilities and abused children. Mr. Sallee grew up in New Mexico and earned a BSW from New Mexico State University and an MSW-Administration from Texas State University in San Marcos.

Mr. Sallee's presentation will encompass the *Yazzie v. State of New Mexico* lawsuit itself, as well as an overview of the LFC's education research on what needs to change in the way schools are funded, giving the LFC staff perspective. Also included in his talk will be what the Legislature has already done to address issues ultimately cited as problems by the court and what plaintiffs' groups say needs to happen. Mr. Sallee will conclude his presentation, which is open to the general public, with a general fiscal and education outlook for the upcoming Legislative session.

The community forum will take place Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the NMHU Student Union Building, Governance Room #320 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. People attending the forum will have an opportunity to ask questions during the last half hour of the presentation. Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting as it will give everyone insight as to changes that may occur in public school funding, changes in teacher preparation programs in our universities, and other issues of vital concern for the future of education in New Mexico. This event is sponsored by the Las Vegas Chapter of AAUW (American Association of University Women).