



Dr. Xavier De La Torre, Superintendent, Ysleta Independent School District

Dr. Xavier De La Torre is a well-known figure in the El Paso community. Prior to joining the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) in March 2014, he served as the Superintendent of Schools in the neighboring Socorro Independent School District (SISD) before relocating to California in 2012 to serve as the County Superintendent of Schools at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

While at SISD, Dr. De La Torre has emerged as a dynamic instructional leader and nationally recognized superintendent who was credited with securing two consecutive Broad Prize award nominations (2009 and 2010) and three consecutive Texas Education Agency (TEA) Recognized District distinctions (2009, 2010, and 2011). In 2010, 37 of 39 eligible SISD schools were rated “Recognized” or “Exemplary” on the state of Texas Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS). While at SISD, Dr. De La Torre spearheaded the successful passage of a \$297 million facilities bond in 2011, which resulted in two new comprehensive high schools; a new combination school; three new elementary schools; state-of-the-art science labs; and refrigerated air-conditioning systems in all district elementary schools.

Dr. De La Torre began his career in education as a teacher, coach, and principal in various school districts in California before serving as Associate Superintendent of Human Resources in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, where he managed all aspects of personnel and labor relations. He then served as Associate Superintendent of Human Resources and Chief Labor Negotiator in the Elk Grove Unified School District in Sacramento, Calif. In 2005, Dr. De La Torre was named the recipient of the Edgar L. Morphet Award from the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA), which recognizes the nation’s best doctoral dissertation that addresses an important educational issue.

Throughout the years, Dr. De La Torre has earned accolades for his work in public education and on behalf of students and student-athletes. In the 1990s, he was named Coach of the Year on four different occasions for his success as a varsity baseball coach and a varsity football coach. In 1993, he added a Teacher of the Year distinction while in the Hamilton Union High School District.

Dr. De La Torre, who was born and raised in northern California, holds a baccalaureate from California State University, Chico; a master’s degree from the University of San Francisco; and a doctorate degree from the University of California, Davis.