



**Kirk M. Carpenter** is in his 30th year in education, all of which have been spent with the Aztec Municipal School District. While in the district, Kirk spent eight years as a teacher in special education and history. Coaching was also an important part of his career at Aztec High School. He spent six years coaching football and fourteen years in the baseball program, twelve of those were as a head coach. The last twenty-two years have been spent in administration, six years as Assistant Principal, two and a half years as Principal, two and a half as Deputy Superintendent, and is currently in his eleventh year as Superintendent.

Mr. Carpenter currently serves on the Board of the New Mexico Activity Association and is the past President for the Board of the Cooperative Educational Services for the state of New Mexico. He also served as the President of the New Mexico Superintendent's Association. Mr. Carpenter considers one of his greatest accomplishments to be the Sandy Hook promise programs and helping to bring them to other Superintendents and school districts in the state of New Mexico. His ultimate goal is to see them in all school districts in the state, change the curriculums of higher education to get a safety class taught to all licensed administrators and continue to influence safety legislation in the great state of New Mexico. In 2014, Mr. Carpenter received one of the highest honors in his educational career when his fellow Superintendents voted him as the New Mexico Superintendent of the Year. Kirk loves what he does and considers himself blessed to be able to serve children, because there is nothing more important or noble than preparing them for their future.