

# ASA's All Arizona Superintendent Award for Large Size School Districts

## *Congratulations!*



**Ms. Nora Gutierrez**  
Superintendent  
Tolleson Union High School District

Congratulations to Ms. Nora Gutierrez, Superintendent of the Tolleson Union High School District for receiving the All Arizona Superintendent Award for the Large Size School Districts.

Tolleson Union High School District is located in Tolleson, Arizona. The district serves 12,500 students.

Ms. Gutierrez has changed the culture of the District in a positive way. She has improved student academic achievement and the culture and relationships of the District with staff and community partners. She keeps constant communication with the Governing Board. They work together to develop the potential of all students. She has increased staff retention of over 95%.

She hired the first Director of public Relations for the district. She understands the need for the District to tell it's own story and promote the hidden gems that were prevalent in her community. She has each school highlights their academic achievement and recognize their student and staff members.

Ms. Gutierrez is sought out by her community as a voice for education by city and state leaders. Dr. Gutierrez actively advocates for public education and shares her thoughts with the Governor, federal and state legislators, city officials, and the community.

She focuses on curriculum and instruction with the understands that it is imperative to provide effective staff development and to support teachers and staff to positively impact student academic success. She constantly visits classrooms across the District. She has set the tone in the district of expectation of academic achievement with the highest standards of excellence for all students.

The District has received three credit rating upgrades and holds the highest credit rating given to an AZ school district by Standard and Poor's and Moody's. TUHSD is the only district to accomplish this feat while having average household incomes that are below the median.

Ms. Gutierrez serves on the AZ School Alliance for Workers' Compensation Board, National Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) Board, the AZALAS Board, and the Grand Canyon University President's Educational Advisory Council.

Ms. Nora Gutierrez truly believes *"When you educate one person, you can change a life, and when you educate many, you can change the world."*