



# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Hot Springs High School



## Welcome to Our Newsletter!

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In our first edition of our monthly newsletter, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to our program, ourselves, and how we can help!

Community Schools is a nationwide initiative that is helping, students, families and teachers by bringing more community resources into the schools. These resources include tutoring and mentoring as well as other academic supports to help ensure students stay on track through school and into college and careers.

Community Schools also includes important family supports, such as information and referrals to needed community resources and benefit programs, as well as social work and counseling. Teachers are helped by the Community Schools staff outreach, tutoring, mentoring, and the school-based learning labs aka the "Resource Room." We are here to help no matter the need - we will make sure to point you in the right direction.

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## Who We Are:

### Ashleigh Poirier

#### Community Schools Coordinator

Hey everyone! I am Ashleigh, the Community Schools Coordinator at HSHS. I am brand new to New Mexico and to this program, coming from an island in Massachusetts where I grew up. I am so excited to meet you all and help the community become even more engaged with their amazing students. My background is in social work, counseling, and case management, and I'm learning new skills every day. In my spare time I love exploring the outdoors, needlepointing, and run a small vintage watch business. I hope to be able to help the students, their families and the community meet their goals and provide support in any way that I can.

### Marisol Garza

#### Student and Family Engagement Coordinator

My name is Marisol Garza and I am the Community Schools Family and Student Engagement Coordinator. Most know me as a proud mom of 5 in the district and community servant for the past 15 years. I love Sierra County and I am really grateful to have the opportunity to serve within the school setting! Many of you have gotten to know me through virtual meetings, messaging, and phone calls during wellness checks and offering support this past semester. As we navigate through these challenging seasons, the methods in which Community Schools is available for support will continue to evolve. I love hearing feedback about ways to best support students and families, so please feel free to contact me anytime! I am really looking forward to helping any way I am able through the next semester and years to come!

### Anna Constant

#### Community Schools Psychologist

Hi Hot Springs High School family! My name is Ms. Anna and I'm a school psychologist. I attended NMSU for my masters/educational specialist degree and lived in Las Cruces during that time and I've also lived in Tokyo, New Jersey, and Shiprock, NM. I used to be a teacher and I love working in the schools! High school is hard and I look forward to being that person students can go and talk to on their good and bad days. I look forward to hearing from you :)



Marisol



Ashleigh



Anna



## What We Can Help With...

The Community Schools team is here to help you accomplish your goals, whatever those may be.

So far this year, we have focused on **drop-out prevention** by providing **check-ins, counseling, referrals, mentoring** and **communication/collaboration** with teachers as well as several **home visits** to families in need. We also help students with **tutoring** in the school's "Resource Room" where we will have a designated EA working with students one-on-one and in small groups. We want to make sure that each student has equal access to resources in our community so that they can be confident and successful.

We also help with **referrals** to food, health, and financial resources in our community. We provide support researching **financial aid** as well as **college and career readiness**. In the future we hope to collaborate with various teachers in the building to help with **enrichment activities** as well as **campus beautification projects** so we can take even more pride in our school.

Additionally, we are open to **ideas**! So if you can think of another way we can help you or your student to thrive, please let us know.

**We are here to help!**