Patrick J. Garcia, Ed. D.

Patrick Garcia grew up in the small southeastern Utah town of LaSal, attending high school in Monticello. He attributes his success to the support of his parents who showed him that preparation, effort, and determination are the key ingredients to success.

Patrick presently is the Executive Director of Human Resources for the Salt Lake City School District, and has held that position for four and a half years. He has also worked as an Assistant to the Superintendent and K-12 Area Director for six years. Patrick was an elementary school principal for ten years at two different schools in Salt Lake City, and an elementary school teacher for eight years.

Patrick received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Utah and his Masters and Doctorate in Educational Administration also from the University of Utah. He participated in the development and implementation of three cultural exchanges for students between his schools here in Salt Lake City and Mexico. Patrick has presented at state-wide conferences and frequently speaks to educators and community groups about educational issues.

Patrick currently serves as the chair-elect on the Board of Trustees for the University of Utah Chicano Scholarship Fund and on the Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah. He was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice and by the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese to serve on the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.

"Prepare, do your best and whatever happens you will get through it. "