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Safe Schools Boost Learning

By Carol Hansen, Ed.D., Superintendent Ocean View School District

Safety is at the forefront of all our minds. Schools in particular have focused on student and staff safety as a basic part of their annual planning for many decades, both in terms of proper training and the physical state of school facilities. When many of us were young, we learned about earthquake and fire drills. Maybe some of us remember “duck and cover” drills. Today, for better or worse, many of us working in public settings are learning about safety scenarios and trainings in additional types of emergencies.

In the Ocean View School District, safety is a top priority. In fact, it is a critical focus area in our long-term Strategic Plan, The Ocean View School District (OVSD) Edge. For many years, we have known students are only able to learn when they are in a safe and comfortable learning environment, so we have built safety into our planning to help ensure student success. How are we doing this? There are several ways we address safety proactively, as noted above. Not only do we have to train our employees and students on the most current safety procedures, but we also have to keep our schools and operations facilities in tip-top shape. We partner with our local law enforcement and fire agencies to share information and learn the latest and most effective safety procedures. For example, we are working closely with city officials to create safe school routes so children and families feel secure walking to and from school.

Our maintenance, operations, and facilities teams were busy around the district this summer. Not only were they preparing for the reopening of Lake View Elementary School as a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)-focused school, but teams also worked with contractors to complete Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required pathways on many of our campuses.

This year, all OVSD employees are required to learn the safety technique called Run, Fight, Hide. A few of our schools have already teamed up with local law enforcement to complete this training, but now all of our employees, at our schools and in our district and operations buildings, will be trained to ensure that we are fully prepared if an emergency does arise. We appreciate the steadfast dedication of our local police and fire departments.

I am pleased to report that OVSD has launched its Facilities Master Plan Web site (www.



At the newly reopened Lake View Elementary School in Huntington Beach, reconstruction not only meant reconfigured classrooms for the school’s STEAM-focused curriculum, but it meant a number of safety projects, including brand new six-foot fencing to enclose the school’s Kindergarten play area from nearby traffic, as well as serving a privacy function. Before the grand reopening on September 7, a few returning Lake View students were able to enjoy and try out the playground.

ovsd-fmp.org) as we continue to plan for the many modernization projects that are needed in all of our schools. Thank you to the many parents and community members who took time out of their evenings to help us assess our school facility needs and create our priority lists. Items that were mentioned across many of our schools included safety projects, such as repairing or adding fences, lighting, electrical systems, heating and air conditioning, play equipment, and much more. Additionally, on July 5 our Board of Trustees voted

to place a \$169-million general obligation bond on the November 8 ballot. I hope you will take a moment to tour OVSD’s Facilities Master Plan Web site and review our individual school project pages.

As we begin the new school year and I enter my second year as the superintendent of the Ocean View School District, I give you my unwavering commitment to provide the leadership and support our students, schools, and employees need as we propel OVSD toward continued and even greater success. Safety is a critical part of it!

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Welcome back to another school year. New beginnings are always exciting and particularly for students. It is a time of anticipation of seeing old friends, making new friends, meeting teachers, learning where the classrooms are and getting used to a schedule after summer break. Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

We ask the superintendents and principals to write their bios in this issue. It is always fun to learn about their college choices, families, pets, hobbies, etc.

Our next issue is November 9.

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Healthy Eating On the Go



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Getting your child to eat healthy can be a challenge, especially with busy schedules. Avoiding junk food can sometimes seem impossible. However, a well-balanced diet along with plenty of rest and exercise will help your child's immune system continue to function properly – reducing the risk of illness.

A healthy diet also is necessary for brain growth and development. In the first five years of life, 90 percent of a child's brain develops.

Here are some easy meal and snack ideas that are both delicious and healthy:

- Peel a banana and dip it in low-fat yogurt. Roll in crushed cereal and freeze.
- Spread celery sticks with peanut butter or low-fat cream cheese. Top with raisins. Enjoy your "ants on a log."
- Mix together ready-to-eat cereal, dried fruit and nuts in a sandwich bag for an on-the-go snack.
- Smear a scoop of frozen yogurt on two graham crackers and add sliced banana to make a sandwich.
- Top low-fat vanilla yogurt with crunchy granola and sprinkle with blueberries.
- Make snack kabobs; put cubes of low-fat cheese and grapes on pretzel sticks.
- Toast a whole grain waffle and top with low-fat yogurt and sliced peaches.
- Spread peanut butter on apple slices.
- Blend low-fat milk, frozen strawberries and a banana for 30 seconds for a delicious smoothie.
- Mix together peanut butter and cornflakes in a bowl. Shape into balls and roll in crushed graham crackers.

Maintaining a well-balanced diet early in development will help promote a life-long habit of healthy eating for your child.



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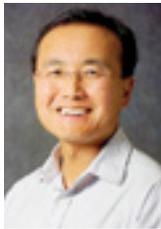
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Sports Nutrition for Children



Kenneth Kim, M.D.
Medical Director,
Pediatric ICU

A healthy diet, with the right combination and amount of food, is essential for an athletic child's higher level of activity and energy needs. Here are some tips to help children perform at the best levels:

- It takes time to digest food - stop eating two hours before game-day activity starts to save energy levels for the event.
- High-fiber foods are nutritious but may cause stomach upset – don't eat them before activity.
- High-fat foods take longer to digest – avoid them up to three hours before a game or event.
- Eat plenty of carbohydrates (in fruits, vegetables and whole grains) along with a moderate amount of proteins (in meat, eggs and dairy).
- Fluids are critical in preventing dehydration during activity. Experts recommend drinking water or other fluids in 15 – 20 minute intervals during and after the activity to replenish fluid levels lost through sweat.
- The body depletes its readily available energy supply after one hour of exercise. Sports drinks help replenish electrolytes and are a good option for kids who are active for 60 – 90 minutes.
- Athletic kids need calcium and iron in their diets to build strong bones and sustain energy. Dairy products, green leafy vegetables, meat, dried beans and fortified cereals are good sources.

Many children participate in sports that place a heavy emphasis on appearance and weight. This can cause pressure and potentially an unhealthy obsession with weight gain or reduction that could last a lifetime. Dieting is usually not a good idea for athletic kids because they need the additional calories to sustain high energy levels for activity. Dieting also can prevent a growing child from reaching his or her intended height. Parents should discuss diet options with a doctor or nutritionist if a coach recommends that a child lose weight.

Using Invisalign and Braces?



Dr. Andrew Harner
Orthodontist

I see many new patients (especially adults) who want straight teeth, but have been told in the past that they aren't a candidate for Invisalign. So they are sometimes confused when I evaluate their smile and bite and determine that we can in fact use Invisalign! How can that be? To explain this, it is helpful to remember how Invisalign aligners are custom made for each patient. In my office, we take a 3-D scan of the teeth (yes, no goopy impressions!), which is then sent electronically to an Invisalign technician. I instruct the technician how the teeth should be moved. Once I am satisfied with the tooth movements, I have the Invisalign aligners manufactured. This is a very important "behind the scenes" aspect of Invisalign treatment that should be understood – "someone" tells the technician how to move the teeth! So prescribed tooth movements will vary depending upon where the patient goes and who that 'someone' is. In my office, that someone is me – an orthodontic specialist.

Another important aspect to realize is the fact that Invisalign aligner technology has come a long way. These advances allow me to currently treat cases that I wouldn't have in the past. Finally, there are cases where a few teeth really need some braces (either the movement is too complex or not enough force can be generated with the Invisalign aligner alone). In these cases, I recommend using a few braces (3-4) at some point during their Invisalign treatment. In these cases, the patient uses Invisalign aligners during their entire treatment, but I add a few braces, say on a few back teeth, in order to get the correct tooth movements.

Dr. Andrew Harner is an orthodontic specialist and practices in Huntington Beach. He is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists. He serves on the Board of Directors for both the California Association of Orthodontists and the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. In addition, he is the Case Report Editor for the PCSO Bulletin. (714) 842-9933.

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson has been the Superintendent in Fountain Valley School District since January 2015. Prior to becoming a part of the FVSD family, he spent considerable time in the Los Alamitos Unified School District, where he served for 15 years as a middle school teacher, site administrator and most recently as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. In 2014, Dr. Johnson was recognized as the Los Alamitos Unified School District Administrator of the Year, commended for promoting “a culture that supports ongoing learning, reflective practices, creativity and innovation.”

Over the last several years, Dr. Johnson has led numerous change initiatives in education related to improving student outcomes. Some of these changes include: long-term facilities planning, leadership development, educational technology and online learning, Common Core, Depth and Complexity, Cognitively Guided Instruction, Advanced Placement for All and College and Career Readiness. In addition, Dr. Johnson is committed to developing new and emerging leaders as an adjunct professor in the Rossier School of Education Doctoral Program at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Johnson earned a Bachelor's of Science in biology and a Bachelor's of Arts in English from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a Master of Arts in education administration from National University and a Doctor of Education in educational leadership from the University of Southern California.

Family is a big part of Dr. Johnson's life, and he resides locally with his wife Susan, an elementary school teacher, and three young daughters.

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Jeanne Galindo
President

Jeanne Galindo was elected to the Fountain Valley School District Board of Trustees in November, 2012. As an active parent volunteer for many years, Mrs. Galindo was thrilled to take a more formal role in the District and she absolutely loves being a key member of FVSD's Governance Team. After teaching middle school English and reading for twelve years and seeing the value of using technology in education, she left the classroom and worked as a Technology Education and Sales Marketing Manager until her retirement.

In addition, Mrs. Galindo is proud to have served as Trustee while some key accomplishments have occurred, including the selection of our new Superintendent in January, 2015. As many people know, the hiring of a Superintendent is one of the most important decisions any Trustee can make. This Board chose wisely, as student achievement, collaboration, shared decision making, district culture and professional development have all continued to improve. Furthermore, reinstating our music program with credentialed teachers has raised the level of achievement in both our band and orchestra, while bringing joy to our students. Moreover, the District's investment of \$35 million in a laddered portfolio with the Orange County Treasurer is bringing additional revenues to our District. And lastly, placing a bond measure on the November ballot allows our stakeholders to decide whether to implement our Facilities Master Plan. She feels privileged and honored to serve this exemplary school district.

As a trustee, she has most enjoyed working with the Superintendent Parent Council, as this work keeps her apprised of all the activities at our sites. Similarly, touring our schools and preparing Board agendas while Board President keeps her current on District issues.

Mrs. Galindo and her husband have lived in the Plavan-Masuda area for 40 years. She holds a Bachelor's of Arts in English and German from San Diego State where she also received her teaching credential. And she has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

Roch Courreges Elementary (K-5)

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Chris Christensen
Principal

I look forward to an exciting and rewarding year serving as your principal here at Courreges Elementary School. We are thrilled to celebrate our recent CA Gold Ribbon award, as well as our outstanding overall school results on the 2016 state CAASPP testing, which was administered last year to all 3rd-5th grade students.

For those of you new to Courreges, this is my 16th year working as an administrator in the Fountain Valley School District. Prior to Courreges, I served as principal at Fulton Middle School from 2006–2011, principal at Moiola School from 2003–2006, and assistant principal at Masuda Middle School from 2001–2003. Prior to working in the FVSD, I was a middle school instrumental music teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District. I graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's Degree in Business/Economics and earned my Master's and administrative credentials from UC Irvine and National University. I have three children of my own: Brittany, 20; Miranda, 15; and Conner, 13.

I look forward to leading all of the students, teachers and parents through another rigorous and uplifting year at Courreges Elementary School.



Patrick Ham
Principal

Mr. Patrick Ham considers himself first and foremost a teacher. He has been a teacher having taught both elementary and middle school students. Mr. Ham is bilingual, and lived in Seoul and Incheon, South Korea for the first 8 years of his life.

When Mr. Ham is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and four children, following his favorite pro and collegiate teams (UCLA Bruins), and taking part in his newly discovered enjoyment: fishing.

When asked to share about Cox Elementary School, Mr. Ham said: “The Cox staff and community are truly dedicated to working in a respectful and inclusive environment to ensure that all students are motivated to achieve personal growth and academic excellence. We firmly believe that, together with our students, parents and the community, we have and will continue to strive towards the goal of creating the exceptional educational experience.

“The 2016–2017 school year promises to be another great year of academic excellence, where our staff continues our pursuit of a comprehensive, consistent, and collaborative instructional program for our students. Our core signature practices of Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), Differentiated Instruction/Small Groups, and Thinking Maps: Write from the Beginning & Beyond will be implemented collaboratively in our classrooms.

Mr. Ham attended UCLA, and received his Master of Science degree in education from CSUF.

Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6–8)*

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Kevin Johnson
Principal

Kevin Johnson, the principal of Fulton Middle School, has served nearly 15 years in public education at both the middle and high school levels. He began his career as an English language arts/social studies core teacher in Riverside, California, where he worked for three years. After a two-year contract as a curriculum developer, he then returned to the middle school classroom as a reading specialist and a Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) instructor. He then entered middle school administration and served for the next five years as an Associated Student Body (ASB) director, California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF) coordinator, Academic Pentathlon coach, Science Olympiad coordinator, and assistant principal.

In addition to a bachelor's degree and teaching credential in English language arts, he also holds a master's degree in cross-cultural education and another in leadership from Pepperdine University. He completed his administrative credential at the University of California, Irvine and was certified in business management by California State University, Fullerton. He is currently enrolled in doctoral studies at the University of Southern California.

Kevin's guiding educational philosophy is to make every decision according to what is truly best for students. As an Orange County native, Kevin is proud to serve on the Leadership Association of Student Councils for Middle Schools (LASC) as both a Board member and the treasurer.

Robert Gisler *Elementary (K–5)*

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Erin Bains
Principal

Ms. Bains has been an educator for over 20 years. She taught for 11 years at Eastwood Elementary School in the Westminster School District. While there she taught 4th grade, a 1st-3rd grade multi-age class, and 6th grade. She came to Fountain Valley as the Assistant Principal at Masuda Middle School and then became principal at Moiola School before moving to Gisler Elementary School.

Ms. Bains attended college at Loyola Marymount University and received her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction as well as her administrative credential at Cal State University, Fullerton.

She feels very fortunate to be a member of the Fountain Valley School District and to have worked with amazing staffs. At Gisler, the staff is

committed to the success of students and truly believes in the power of professional development. They readily take on new curricular challenges; programs and strategies are often brought to the staff from the professional readings done outside of the classroom. The passion of the staff is contagious and Ms. Bains is looking forward to another year with this fantastic group.

The community of Gisler also wants the best for their students giving countless hours of their time inside and outside of the classroom. Students cherish the support they receive and without the volunteer moms, dads, grandparents and other family members, Gisler would not be able to run as many programs and activities as it does, nor be as successful as it is. Ms. Bains is looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year!

Kazuo Masuda *Middle School (6–8)*

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Jay Adams
Principal

My name is Jay Adams and I am so excited to be at the helm as the Masuda Monarchs' Principal! I grew up in Colorado, graduating with my BA from the University of Northern Colorado. I moved to California at 22, began teaching, and then earned my MA from Azusa Pacific University. My favorite part of being a principal is getting to watch students grow and change from "in-betweeners" into confident young men and women. They experience so much transformation from fifth through eighth grades! I especially enjoy working with At-Risk students, developing strategies and plans to help them learn and to keep

them moving on target. One of my main goals is getting each Monarch to internalize our school motto: "Take a Second. Make a Difference." Values and

making change to better our world are important tenets which I hope to impart to each and every Masuda student!

At home, my name is "mom" to four children—Julian (eighteen), Isaiah (sixteen), Kaia (thirteen), and Asia (eleven). We have a busy household including ten pets: a hedgehog, two rabbits, four cats, and three birds. My favorite activity in my free time (when there is some) is SCUBA diving. I especially like to travel to Catalina Island, where I have dived with the Garibaldi, bat rays, lobsters, sea lions, and even an angel shark! I am also a Tim Burton fanatic! I love Jack Skellington, Beetlejuice, Edward Scissorhands...you name it!

Next time you're in the area, stop by and say hello to me at Masuda. I look forward to meeting you and to working with you to ensure your student's success!

William T. Newland *Elementary (K–5)*

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Christopher Mullin
Principal

Christopher Mullin has lived in and around Fountain Valley for over 35 years. He attended Moiola Elementary and graduated from FVHS. After high school, Mr. Mullin decided to take the road less traveled and worked as a forest firefighter with CDF and with US Forestry as a backcountry ranger. In time, Mr. Mullin enrolled at Montana State University. Upon completion of his bachelor's in education, he immediately found a job as a fifth-grade teacher at a K–12 school in the small rural town of Three Forks, MT. working there for three years. Eventually he made his way back to the Fountain Valley School District teaching science and PE at Masuda Middle School, where he taught for five years. As an administrator, Mr. Mullin worked

at both Fulton and Masuda Middle Schools. For the past three years, he has been the principal at Newland Elementary! Newland is a school with a proven record of high academic achievement and one that promotes a learning community characterized by child-centered differentiated instruction. Our staff and students have a history of making educational excellence a habit. This is evident in the fact that Newland was recently awarded the prestigious California Gold Ribbon along with the National Blue Ribbon, and California Distinguished School awards the previous year. The faculty at Newland is dedicated to creating a learning environment where students may achieve to their highest ability. When not at school, Mr. Mullin can be found enjoying time with his wife and children. Free time is often spent fishing from his kayak, going to Angels games, or cooking for family and friends.

Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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Erik Miller
Principal

Mr. Erik Miller is beginning his sixth year as the principal of the Isojiro Oka Elementary School Wolfpack. He feels blessed to be part of a fantastic Fountain Valley School District team and specifically lead an Oka staff that is all about putting students "First!" Oka is consistently ranked in the top tier of schools in Orange County and throughout California for their academic excellence and ensuring students get a strong educational foundation.

Mr. Miller is proud of the support by parents and FVSD to increase the amount of technology in the hands of Wolfpack students, resulting in greater levels of student achievement. What used to be a single computer lab school has transformed into a 2:1 student to device ratio over the past couple of years! His absolute favorite part about being a principal is supporting and leading students and staff to achieve levels of success they did not think were once possible. Oka students thrive within environments

that are positive, engaging, and focused on student learning, and as a school culture, this is the top priority. As principal, he works from the principle that students will do their best when they are connected to their classroom through academic challenge balanced with a setting that promotes positive character development. Whether in a classroom working with students or playing games with them on the playground, Mr. Miller is all about helping students grow as scholars and as people.

Prior to arriving at Oka, Mr. Miller was an assistant principal at the elementary and middle school levels. In addition, he taught both elementary and middle school in Irvine. His favorite subjects are math and social studies. Mr. Miller and his wife Kelley, also a teacher, are parents of three awesome children. Their daughter is in High School, and sons are in Middle and Elementary School. When away from the Oka campus, Mr. Miller's favorite things to do include playing golf, cheering on the Angels, Ducks, and Chargers, volunteering at church and being a Dad!

Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K-5)*

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Julie Ballesteros
Principal

Julie Ballesteros has been an educator for the past 20 years. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in education from Arizona State University. She began her career in education as a reading specialist in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Ballesteros then returned to her hometown in California to teach kindergarten and first grade for nine years in the Glendora Unified School District.

Mrs. Ballesteros continued her education and received a Master of Arts in Educational Administration at Azusa Pacific University. This led her to becoming a Glendora middle school assistant principal for two years. She actually worked at the same school she attended as a child! This opportunity ignited her

passion for educational administration.

Mrs. Ballesteros is now beginning her ninth year as the proud principal of Plavan Elementary School in the Fountain Valley School District. "I am blessed to work with an incredible staff and community that are truly committed to educating the minds and the hearts of all our students," she said. "My experiences in Fountain Valley have helped me grow as an educator, and I look forward to learning together again this year."

When Mrs. Ballesteros is not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and son. They currently resides in Mission Viejo, where they love to go to the beach and spend time with family and friends.

Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Davis
Principal

I welcome everyone to the 2016-2017 school year. I am very excited as I enter my fourth year as the principal of Tamura. This last school year was full of so many successes, and I am very much looking forward to watching our Tigers set new goals and endeavors for 2016-17.

We have such an amazing family of students, teachers and staff members, as well as incredibly supportive parents, and I feel very fortunate to be working with this inspiring and talented community.

I started my career teaching in the Westminster School District, and began my administrative career working two years as an assistant principal

before I joined the Fountain Valley School District. This is my eleventh year as a principal in the Fountain Valley School District. I served my first seven years as principal of Newland, and am absolutely thrilled to be entering my fourth year as a part of an incredible staff and community support network here at Tamura.

This school year our teachers will continue with their work with Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), and will work collaboratively within and across grade levels to provide students with the best learning opportunities possible. We will also continue our efforts to embed PBIS strategies into the school culture to help build our student's awareness of their roles at Tamura, and provide them with an opportunity to make good choices both academically and socially.

We will continue to Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Our Best

Samuel E. Talbert *Middle School (6-8)*

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Jennifer Morgan
Principal

Jennifer Morgan is serving her third year as principal of Talbert Middle School in the Fountain Valley School District. She previously served as math teacher, school counselor and assistant principal in the Garden Grove and Westminster School Districts. Ms. Morgan has a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of California, Riverside, and a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Chapman University. In addition to her

passion for teenagers and education, Ms. Morgan values spending time with her two children, who are entering fourth and fifth grades.

Ms. Morgan has really enjoyed working with the amazing staff and students at Talbert Middle School during the last few years. The learning environment at Talbert is welcoming and student-centered. There is a great sense of community and character on Talbert's campus. Ms. Morgan looks forward to a great 2016-2017 school year as students continue to be challenged and grow as individuals.

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Gregory Haulk

Gregg Haulk has 26 years of experience working in public education and more than 16 years experience as a school administrator. He has worked as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, and superintendent at several school districts. In 2011, he became the Huntington Beach City School District Superintendent. Mr. Haulk is a graduate of the California State University, San Bernardino with a Master Degree in Education from National University. He received his Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential from the University of LaVerne and his Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential from California State University, Chico. Mr. Haulk serves on several committees and has chaired the West Orange County Consortium of Special Education (WOCCE) Superintendents' Council in 2013, chairs the Children and Families Commission Advisory Committee, Pediatrics Health Services Subcommittee, and participates in the Special Education Alliance Committee. He is also an integral part of the Huntington Beach Educational Foundation.

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Bridget Kaub has served as a Governing Board Member of the Huntington Beach City School District for nearly five years and currently serves as Board President. As a long-time resident of downtown Huntington Beach, Mrs. Kaub has and continues to serve the community and the district in a variety of capacities. Mrs. Kaub has provided leadership as the President of the Orange County Association of Health Underwriters, Board Member of HBCSD, Vice-Commissioner of the Huntington Beach City Community Services Commission, Legislative Advocate for Smith Elementary, Dwyer Middle, and Huntington Beach High School, and PTA/PTSA. She is a small business owner supplying professional Human Resources and Employee Benefits consulting services for over 20 years, and as an independent insurance broker for 30 years. Mrs. Kaub and her husband, Keith, are the parents of a child who currently attends HBCSD. Mrs. Kaub was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees following her provisional appointment earlier in 2012, elected on November 6, 2012, and her term will end in 2016.

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Darren Platt
Principal

Darren Platt is in his second year as principal at Dwyer Middle School. He began his tenure in Huntington Beach two years ago as our assistant principal.

Mr. Platt graduated from California State University, Dominguez Hills with a Master of Arts in educational leadership and has a Bachelor of Arts in social science with a minor in political science from California State University, Long Beach. He has been in education for 23 years, serving in the Los Alamitos and Bellflower Unified school districts before coming to HBCSD.

He was a teacher for 14 years, teaching history, language arts, leadership, PE and intervention programs. He then became a school administrator in the Los Alamitos Unified School District at Oak and McAuliffe middle schools. Leaving the classroom was a difficult decision for him. He had many opportunities to move into administration but always turned them down because of the impact that a teacher has on young people's lives. That changed when a mentor of his said "a good teacher can impact hundreds of students, but a good administrator can impact thousands."

"The power of education is created in the connection between a student and an educator, whether it be a teacher, counselor, a member of the office staff or the principal," Mr. Platt said.

Mr. Platt strongly believes in the power of extracurricular activities in helping develop well-rounded students, as shown in his experience as ASB director, coach of multiple sports and adviser to numerous clubs. He's excited about continuing Dwyer's rich history and its stellar activities, sports programs and amazing classroom learning opportunities.

Mr. Platt has been blessed with an amazing family that includes his wife and four children. In his free time, he enjoys coaching, playing and goofing around with them. He's also known to be a bit of a Disney fanatic!

John H. Eader *Elementary*

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Debbi Randall
Principal

Mrs. Debbi Randall is going into her fifth year as the principal of Eader Elementary School; however she has been a site administrator in Huntington Beach City School District for eight years and in total for thirteen years. Prior to becoming an administrator, she taught for many years, from preschool through high school levels. Mrs. Randall was a district grant facilitator and Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment coordinator, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

She earned her undergraduate degree at California State University, Long Beach, a master's degree in education administration and administrative credential at National University. She loves collaborating with students, staff, and parents to create the best learning environment possible for all children, and is looking forward to another successful school year with the Eagles community. Mrs. Randall has one adult daughter and lives with her husband, Mike, and their adorable furry pooch, Harley, in Huntington Beach!

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Dr. Ralph E. Hawes *Elementary*

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Julie Jennings
Principal

Julie Jennings is starting her 30th year in education, serving as an elementary school teacher, an assistant principal, a principal and an assistant superintendent of personnel services. Her teaching career began in Bonsall Union School District after she completed her bachelor's and master's degrees from Occidental College. In Morongo Unified School District, Ms. Jennings served as a site administrator for seven years. In South Pasadena Unified, she spent seven years as a principal of Arroyo Vista Elementary School, a California Distinguished School and Blue Ribbon School, before serving six years as the assistant superintendent of personnel.

Beginning her fifth year as the principal of Hawes Elementary School, a

California Gold Ribbon 2016 school and a CA Distinguished School 2014, Ms. Jennings is passionate about the collaborative community that thrives at Hawes. Working beside a staff that pushes themselves to learn and grow coupled with an actively involved parent group, our students are afforded enriching learning opportunities in engaging ways. Hawes is a positive place to learn!

Mrs. Jennings has a daughter in college as well as about 700 children with whom she spends each day! She loves reading, weight training, and being outside—camping, hiking, beaching, etc.! She loves being part of the amazing community of Hawes and fosters the strength and resources within the school community to ensure that all of the students access enriching opportunities. Through our work together, we strive for “beyond golden!” #wearehawes #Hawesome

S. A. Moffett *Elementary*

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Michael Andrzejewski
Principal

Michael Andrzejewski, or “Mr. A.,” has been in education for 29 years, with teaching experience in both the middle and elementary levels. He has also served as an elementary principal for 23 years. Having taught in Iowa, Mr. A. served as an elementary principal in both South Dakota and Iowa before continuing in that role in California.

Upon moving to California and beginning work in the Huntington Beach City School District, Mr. A. was principal of Agnes Smith Elementary School for 11 years. Six years ago, he transferred to Moffett Elementary School, where he continues to serve. Mr. A. earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota, and completed his Master of Arts degree at Drake

University in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds “Clear” California credentials in teaching and administration.

Mr. Andrzejewski says, often, that even on the worst day he still serves in the best job in education. He believes in keeping a student-centered focus on the work that needs to be done, and in building a positive culture that stresses goal attainment, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Mr. A. also works to forge strong relationships within the school community, which helps to build an environment that can best support student learning and effective instruction. He continues to be proud of the work that his students, staff and parents accomplish. Working together as a team, they promote a well-rounded education for all of the Moffett Mustangs.

Joseph R. Perry *Elementary*

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Dr. Renee Polk Johnson
Principal

Dr. Renee Polk Johnson grew up in Irvine, California and is a graduate of University High School. Dr. Polk Johnson attended University of the Pacific, where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science and her multiple-subject teaching credential. She completed her master's degree at California State University, Dominguez Hills and she completed her doctorate in educational leadership at California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Polk Johnson has been in education for 16 years and has worked as

a kindergarten and first-grade teacher, a middle school Special Education teacher, a district reading specialist, an assistant principal, and as a principal. She is looking forward to her third year as principal at Perry Elementary! Perry has an incredible staff and amazing students and she anticipates a fantastic 2016-17 school year! When Dr. Polk Johnson is not at work she enjoys snow skiing, scuba diving, and traveling with her husband. She and her husband also enjoy spending time with their dog, Sam.

John R. Peterson *Elementary*

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Dr. Constance Polhemus
Principal

Dr. Polhemus has been in education for 28 years as a school board member, special education, GATE and general education teacher, assistant principal, principal and Director of Student, Community and Personnel Support. She began her career in education as a School Board member for the Hemet Unified School District.

For 13 years she served the children of the Hemet Unified School District as a teacher before moving across town to the San Jacinto Unified School District as an assistant principal. After serving as AP at three schools in the district she was promoted to principal of Hyatt Elementary School where she lead the Hyatt team to garner the title as first school in San Jacinto to exit Program Improvement under NCLB. Seven years ago she was promoted to Director of Student, Community and Personnel Support. Her leadership style is founded

in strong relationships with all stakeholders. “Educating our children is a team effort,” she states. Dr. Polhemus holds a B.S. in Home Economics, a M.A. in Management and a doctorate from the University of La Verne in Organizational Leadership.

Dr. P, as her students call her, embraced the opportunity to move to Huntington Beach in 2014 after living in Hemet for 40 years. Her love of the HB community began during her first Surf City Half Marathon in 2009. She is a dedicated runner and completed the Boston Marathon in 2015 and 2016. Peterson Elementary School is known for its outstanding 100-Mile Club, which encourages students to run each morning before school. Peterson Dolphins have logged over 50,000 miles during the past last two years.

Dr. Polhemus is looking forward to her third year serving the children and families of Huntington Beach, while promoting health and wellness among students and staff of HBCSD.

Huntington Seacliff *Elementary*

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Dr. Monique Huibregtse
Principal

Dr. Huibregtse has been in education for 31 years as an elementary school teacher, a middle school and elementary school assistant principal, and an elementary school principal.

In the Huntington Beach City School District, Dr. Huibregtse served as the principal of Perry Elementary School for six years and is entering into her third year at Huntington Seacliff Elementary School for the 2016–17 school year. She holds clear California credentials in teaching and administration, and earned her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. In California, she completed

her Master of Arts degree in educational administration at Cal State Bakersfield University and her Doctorate in education with the University of LaVerne.

Dr. Huibregtse is married and loves running, cycling, sailing, and outdoor activities anywhere in beautiful Orange County. Building collaborative relationships with all members of the school community to strengthen student achievement is the focus of her work.

As Huntington Seacliff is a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, a 2014 California Distinguished School, and a 2015 California Gold Ribbon School, the work is to keep moving student achievement forward to the next level!

Isaac L. Sowers *Middle School*

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Dr. Cynthia Guerrero
Principal

Dr. Cynthia Guerrero has been in the field of education for over 22 years as an elementary school teacher, assistant principal, preschool director, elementary and middle school principal. She also taught at the university level as an adjunct professor for pre-service teachers and is an active member professional organizations, such as Association of California School Administrators.

In the Huntington Beach City School District, Dr. Guerrero has served the district for 11 years serving at John H. Eader Elementary School for seven years, and at the helm of Isaac L. Sowers Middle School for four years. Dr. Guerrero earned her

Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of California, Irvine, her Master of Arts degree at Pepperdine University, and her doctorate at the University of Southern California. She continues to be inspired by her mission to improve the lives of children by improving the instructional practices in the classroom. She believes that the best way to improve education is to have the best teachers in the classroom, and works to develop relationships and pedagogy to improve those practices. Dr. Guerrero models her love of learning in everything she does by having high expectations for herself and for those around her.

Dr. Guerrero is married and has two children. She loves traveling, camping, do-it-yourself projects and vacationing with her family. However, most of her time has been spent watching and traveling with her children for lacrosse.

Agnes L. Smith *Elementary*

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Carolyn Beck
Principal

Mrs. Carolyn Beck has been in education for 26 years as an elementary school teacher, teacher on special assignment and principal. In the Huntington Beach City School District, Mrs. Beck has served as the principal of Agnes L. Smith Elementary School for the past six years. She has been at Smith School for a total of 17 years and loves being a Smith Surfer. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles

and completed her master's degree in educational administration at California State University, Long Beach.

Mrs. Beck and her husband have been married for 26 years and have an adult son and daughter that is a senior at UCSB. She enjoys spending time with her family hiking, boating and relaxing with a good book. She loves being a part of the Huntington Beach community and helping her students to reach their full potential.

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Dr. Carol Hansen

For those of you just joining us in the Ocean View School District this year, I would like to share a little bit about myself. My career has been focused on public education for more than 31 years, but my enthusiasm for educating students continues to grow, particularly since coming to OVSD. In 2015, I was named the new superintendent of OVSD after serving in the ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD) as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. In this capacity, I provided oversight for all personnel functions and served as the chief negotiator for the school district. While in ABCUSD, I was fortunate to be actively involved in fostering a nationally recognized labor-management partnership. I am proud to say that in my first year at OVSD, our new administrative team and union leadership negotiated positive labor contracts for our teachers and classified staff, formed a Partnership of Administration and Leadership, or PAL, and by the end of the school year, created Guiding Principles in support of this positive PAL culture for future years.

As 2016-2017 gets off to a great start, I am continuing my unwavering commitment to student achievement, innovative programs, open and transparent communication, engagement of all stakeholders, and consistency in our leadership. During the fall, we will share with our parents and community the facts regarding our Facilities Master Plan, spotlighting the need to address our aging buildings and the potential for future improvements. There is much work to be done, but let us also celebrate this fall. We are thrilled to reopen Lake View Elementary School as a STEAM-focused school, provide a new middle school afterschool program at Mesa View, put into action our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and launch a brand new look for our District and school websites. Stay tuned OVSD!

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Gina Clayton-Tarvin
President

As the president of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees for the second year in a row, it is my honor and pleasure to help kick off the 2016-2017 school year with a team of incredible administrators, managers, teachers, classified staff, and of course, our fabulous students and families. I am proud to say we are continuing to build on the positive momentum created last year, all in the name of providing every student in OVSD with the best, most innovative education possible.

For the past 20 years I have been an educator in the ABC Unified School District, serving for the past 10 years as a sixth-grade Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) teacher. Prior to that, I was a seventh- and eighth-grade math and science middle school teacher and a coordinator for a federally funded magnet school. I have also worked as a Special Education homeschool teacher. These experiences gained through teaching in the classroom and serving as a member of the PTA have helped me to understand and identify the needs of students, parents and educators in OVSD. Throughout my career, I have served as a leader in the ABC Federation of Teachers and I am currently an elected member of the Delegate Assembly in the California School Board Association. I am the proud mother of two boys and, for the first time, my husband and I are venturing into the world of middle school with our oldest son. As a 26-year resident of Huntington Beach, I believe this area is the best place to raise a family.

The Board continues to extend its vision for OVSD as a flagship school district in Orange County under the steady leadership of Superintendent Carol Hansen and Deputy Superintendent Michael Conroy. As your Board President, I will keep you informed about our school facility needs as I work to address these and other important topics for our families.

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College View *Elementary*

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Katherine Smith
Principal

Before moving to California in 1981 I had the pleasure of growing up in Rochester Hills, Michigan. I graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Physical Education and Dance Education. In 1997 I earned my multiple-subject credential, and in 2005 I received my master's degree in School Administration from Alliant University.

I moved to Huntington Beach 28 years ago with my husband Greg. We have three children: Garrett, Tanner, and McKenna, as well as a menagerie of pets. Our oldest son, Garrett recently married, and he and his wife are expecting our first granddaughter in October! My husband and I have been married for 32 years, and we love to travel, ride bikes, play golf, and bowl. We are also active in the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club, and we are advocates for Bunny's Kids, a non-profit charity that supports our Huntington Beach homeless shelters.

During my 19-year tenure with the Ocean View School District I have enjoyed serving in many different capacities that include: classroom teacher for multiple grade levels, Title 1 teacher, summer school principal at multiple sites, and as the principal of College View where I have served for the past five years. Prior to my arrival at College View I was the principal at Hope View Elementary School for four years. I also had the pleasure of serving as the Principal Advisor for the Arts in which I was able to bring visual and performing arts opportunities to the students of the Ocean View School District.

Circle View *Elementary*

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Kristi Hickman
Principal

I am thrilled to continue serving as principal for the students, staff and community of Circle View Elementary School! I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to build on our school's foundation and tradition of excellence. Circle View cultivates a solid community of high-caliber teachers, successful students, and an incredibly supportive parent community. We will continue to work toward solidifying the many necessary 21st century skills, as well as infusing best practices in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We provide universal opportunities for GATE Magnet and all students.

Team Circle View welcomes the following staff members for the 2016-2017 school year: SDC Teacher Fabiolla Thahab (Santa Ana) and 5th grade teacher Shannon Laulhere (Golden View). Our new additions are excited to meet our students and families.

This school year promises to be filled with powerful learning activities designed to provide an enriching and successful school experience for all students. We welcome our new and returning faces and look forward to connecting with friends and families, while continuing to create lifelong memories.

Golden View *Elementary*

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Brett Hardy
Principal

I am very excited to be returning for my second year as the principal at Golden View. The Golden View staff and I would like to welcome all new and returning students and families to the 2016-2017 school year. We have been working hard to get ready for yet another wonderful school year and we are very excited to see all your smiling faces. Last year, we focused on implementing technology throughout the curriculum, as well as the 4 C's of the Common Core: communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. On a daily basis, students were able to practice these skills on our new Chromebook carts or in our traditional computer labs. Students created and collaborated on Google presentations and documents with their classmates and teachers, learned how to code, and much more.

This year, we will be building on the foundation that was developed by expanding and asking our students to do more than they ever have. How about creating a website, embedding video presentations, and collaborating with students in other schools in real time? We invite families and community members on campus to be part of the process and see the many great things the Golden View Kids will be doing in the 2016-2017 school year

Prior to coming to OVSD, I worked in the Huntington Beach City School District as a teacher and administrator at Dwyer Middle School and Huntington Seacliff Elementary School. I earned my B.A. from UC Santa Barbara and Masters from CSU Long Beach. Before I began my teaching career I was fortunate enough to spend two years playing professional baseball in the Arizona Diamondbacks system. When I am away from school, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two children who will be starting 8th and 6th grade this fall.

Harbour View *Elementary*

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Cindy Osterhout
Principal

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to welcome you to Harbour View Elementary, a California Distinguished School. I believe that we are all partners at Harbour View and share a common goal: To provide a safe, happy and successful learning experience for each of our students. With this in mind, as we help our students prepare for the upcoming school year, we will all need to be very thoughtful about how best to assure that it is, indeed, a safe, happy and successful experience for them. Please know that this is your school, and we welcome your involvement. Families are their child's first and most important teachers, and we need your cooperation and involvement to provide your student with the best education possible.

While serving as Harbour View's principal for the past ten years, I have had many District leadership opportunities including serving on the CCSS Implementation Committee. I have provided mentoring to countless student teachers, teachers, and fellow administrators. As a student myself, I attended CSULB and earned a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. I later earned a master's degree in Education from the United States International University at Irvine.

The Harbour View community is composed of enthusiastic students, helpful parent volunteers and top-notch professional educators who work hard each and every day to provide your child with a challenging and rigorous curriculum. I truly look forward to another exciting and productive school year...our children deserve nothing less!

Hope View *Elementary*

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Paul Kraft
Principal

Welcome to Hope View Elementary School where we are HOPE-FUL about the future and make a difference today! Our vision as a Hope View Community is to inspire a passion for learning in our students. I am proud to be the new principal of this fabulous school community with extremely dedicated teachers, supportive families and outstanding students. Along with providing challenging instruction, setting high expectations, and encouraging every student to do his or her best, the diligent Hope View staff ensures that each student is safe, responsible and respectful. The 2016-2017 school year looks to be a fantastic journey for our entire Hope View family and we are ready to go! I began as an educator in the Bellflower Unified School District in 1994,

where I taught 6th grade. In 1997, I moved to the Cypress School District, and continued my career as an elementary school educator. In Cypress, I also served as a teacher on special assignment for two school years, including working as an Instructional Coach helping teachers implement the New Common Core State Standards and training staff to utilize Thinking Maps. In 2014, I achieved a personal goal when I became a principal in the Capistrano Unified School District. School leadership has always been a passion of mine, and I truly enjoy the opportunity to serve the school and support the teachers, empowering them to be the best they can be.

I believe my two decades of classroom instruction, combined with my leadership experience, qualify me to lead Hope View into the future. I look forward to meeting everyone in the Ocean View School District. Go Hawks.

Lake View *Elementary*

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Jamie Goodwyn
Principal

Welcome back to the newly reconstructed Lake View Elementary School! I am excited to join the Lake View staff in reopening the school with a STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Math) focus. I believe that our students must be adequately prepared to meet the opportunities and demands of the 21st century workforce. Preparing them now for collaboration, innovation and experimentation is the key to nurturing our children to be ready for an ever-changing world. I have served in education for 15 years and am thrilled to be starting my fifth year with the Ocean View School District as the Principal of Lake View. I am a dedicated educator and lifetime student of teaching and learning. I received a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly San Luis

Obispo, a master's degree in Cross-cultural Education from National University, and a master's degree in School Counseling from the University of La Verne. I have served as a teacher, school counselor, assistant principal, and most recently as the principal at Star View Elementary School for four years.

You will see that I love working with children and families within the school community I serve, and I am passionate about integrating technology within the classroom. It allows children to explore various channels of learning. The new STEAM-focused program at Lake View is designed to do just this, and I am excited to lead the way! In my free time, you will find me spending quality time with my family and friends. I have two sons, one and seven years old, whom I adore beyond words.

Marine View *Middle School*

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William Lynch
Principal

It is a pleasure to open the 2016-2017 school year! I am now entering my third year as the Principal of Marine View Middle School in the Ocean View School District. Prior to serving at Marine View, I was an assistant principal at Buena Park Junior High School in the Buena Park School District. I am originally from New England and I knew from a very early age that I was not well-suited for cold weather. Finally, I made it to California 15 years ago, working at first for a public relations-lobbying firm. It was during this time that I had brushes with education policymakers in Sacramento, and it changed my life forever.

There was an essential question that needed an answer: How do we, as a diverse

society, prepare all students for a successful future? At this point, I began my chosen profession in education. In the subsequent years, I had the pleasure of sharing my continued love of government and American History at both the high school and middle school levels, before moving my career in the direction of school administration.

I received my bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Arizona, and my master's degree in Secondary Education from California State University at Long Beach. When I am not at Marine View, I enjoy spending time with my wife and our two small children, ages six and eight.

This school year is going to be one of the best yet, and I look forward to welcoming all of you!

Mesa View *Middle School*

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Randy Lempert
Principal

I look forward to kicking off another great school year! While serving as Principal of Mesa View for the last two years, I can say with confidence that Mesa View is an incredible place for our middle school-aged students to grow, learn and experience life. We are great because of the hardworking, dedicated staff that puts the needs of students first. I absolutely love how the Mesa View teachers and support staff are truly committed to creating an amazing middle school experience. Through a strong partnership with our PTSO and our community, Mesa View has developed a strong and positive school climate and culture. I'll

shout from the mountain tops, "Mesa View Middle School has great teachers, parents, and most important, STUDENTS!"

Before joining the Mesa View team, I was the Assistant Principal of Spring View Middle School and had taught at Dwyer Middle School in the Huntington Beach City School District. Graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with a degree in education, I then continued with my studies to obtain a master's degree in School Administration from Concordia University in Irvine. Through and through, I am local to the area, proudly born and raised in Fountain Valley.

Outside of Mesa View, I have a supportive wife and a three-year-old son. I am passionate about Angels baseball and have served as a lifeguard for the city of Newport Beach since 1995.

It is going to be a great school year and I look forward to working with the Mesa View community!

Oak View *Elementary*

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Dr. Rosa Mendieta
Principal

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, I am the daughter of Guatemalan immigrants and a fluent Spanish-speaker. I began my teaching career in Rialto Unified School District and later became an elementary administrator in the same district. I have served as an elementary school principal in both the Pomona Unified School District and Fontana Unified School District. I am thrilled to start my second year as the Principal of Oak View in the Ocean View School District!

I love to learn, as you will see. I attended San Bernardino Valley College where I received my associate's degree, then went on to the California State University at San Bernardino for my bachelor's degree. Finally, I transferred to Azusa Pacific University where I received my multiple-subject teaching credential, master's degree, administrative

credential, and now a doctorate in K-12 Educational Leadership. I have also served as an adjunct professor with Point Loma of the Nazarene University at various satellite campuses. I will be continuing my education through Columbia University's Teacher College this fall. I am an avid reader and traveler, and I enjoy mentoring and public speaking.

At Oak View Elementary School, we have much to celebrate! We are proud of our work with collaborative inquiry, our focus on student achievement, and our strong parent involvement. The level of commitment from each and every one of our staff members is extraordinary! It is their dedication that truly makes a difference for our students, parents and community. The 2016-17 school year promises to be filled with excitement through learning, engaging lessons, as well as opportunities to extend and explore concepts. We are committed to excellence for all of our students and will work relentlessly every day to achieve it!

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Anna Dreifus
Principal

My name is Anna Dreifus and it is my pleasure to serve as the Principal of Oak View Preschool. I was born in Memphis, Tennessee, but I grew up in California. I met my husband, Bob, when we were students at Westminster High School. We are thrilled to be celebrating our 41st anniversary in November and we have two sons, Kyle (29) and Ryan (31). My husband recently retired from Huntington Beach High School after serving there for 31 years. We both enjoy living in the community in which we work. Even though I have southern roots, I do consider myself a California girl!

My career began when I was hired to teach in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, I worked there for six years. After having children, I chose to stay home with my sons for eight years. I then returned to teaching, but this time in the Ocean View School District. I taught at Harbour View for seven years and finished there as an Assistant Principal. I have served as an Elementary Principal for a total of 17 years at Village View, Golden View, Lake View, and now at Oak View Preschool. In my free time, I enjoy reading, traveling, hiking, and going to concerts. My husband and I are excited to have added a daughter-in-law to the family over the summer! I look forward to meeting all of you and continuing my work at Oak View.

Pleasant View *Ocean View Preparatory Preschool*

located at Pleasant View School, 16692 Landau Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/845-5000



Paul James
Principal

Welcome to Pleasant View School/OVPP and the 2016-2017 school year! My name is Paul James and I was born in Long Beach, California. At the age of two, my family moved 10 miles north to Norwalk, California, where my parents have lived now for over 56 years. My mother worked at Sears for over 30 years and my father worked for Gulf Oil/GoldenWest Refinery in Santa Fe Springs for 35 years. I attended Niemes Elementary School, Faye Ross Junior High School, and Gahr High School, which are all part of ABC Unified School District. During this time I was fortunate to have many outstanding teachers and role models that helped shape my future career goals in education.

I am starting my 33rd year in education. I taught elementary school for eight years, middle school science for 15 years, and have been a principal for the last nine years in the Ocean View School District.

I have been married to my wonderful and beautiful wife for over 16 years. She currently teaches middle school and high school science. Our three sons are ages 13, 11 and 10, and they attend school in our own Ocean View School District. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, taking summer camping vacations, crosswords, exercising, and coaching and playing sports with my boys.

Our staff is looking forward to another exciting school year and welcoming our new and returning students in September!

Spring View *Middle School*

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Jason Blade
Principal

My name is Jason Blade, and I have been an educator in the Ocean View School District for over 18 years, having served in a variety of roles – teacher, assistant principal and principal. I grew up in a family of educators, with my mother becoming a high school English and reading teacher in the Garden Grove Unified School District and my father working as both a school site and district administrator for various neighboring school districts. I was born and raised in Southern California and attended California State University at Long Beach for my undergraduate

work, and both National University and the University of Southern California for my post graduate education.

When asked what it is like to be the Principal of Spring View, I tell people, “The Spring View staff is totally committed to our students’ wellbeing. They are devoted to providing a safe, structured learning environment for all of our students, while at the same time setting high academic standards for everyone.” I am looking forward to a fantastic 2016-2017 school year!

When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, traveling, coaching soccer, and surfing as often as possible.

Sun View *Elementary*

7721 Juliette Low Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-9643 • www.ovsd.org



Elaine Burney
Principal

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year!

As the principal Sun View Elementary School, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all students and families to our school! I am so fortunate to work with such a wonderful staff, group of students and school community. Having worked in the Ocean View School District for the last nine years, I have gained invaluable experience in helping to create a successful, nurturing and safe school environment, and my expectation is that we will do so again this year.

The staff and I plan to continue on the path of educational excellence and we are committed to providing all Sun View students with the academic and pro-social behaviors that will be the foundation of their present and future success.

To give you a little background on me—I received my Bachelor of Science, Business Marketing, from California State University at Long Beach, along with a Liberal Studies Certificate and Teaching Credential. I earned my Master of Science in Education Administration from Pepperdine University.

“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.” Thank you, Steve Jobs. This is a quote that strongly resonates with me. Having been in education for over 20 years, I am incredibly fortunate to still love what I do.

When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my wonderful family. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Craig, and we have two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Lauren, and two cats. I also love to run, go to the beach, spend time with friends, and be spoiled by my husband’s fabulous cooking!

Star View *Elementary*

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Carrie Haskin
Principal

On behalf of the entire Star View staff, we welcome you to the beginning of a new school year!

I am thrilled to be the principal of Star View Elementary, a California Distinguished School.

For the past five years, I have served in the Ocean View School District as the principal of Hope View Elementary School and now look forward to being a part of the shining Star View Team! My credentials include a master’s degree in Education, a Reading/Language Arts Specialist Credential, as well as a Clear Administrative and Teaching Credential.

Over the past five years, I have been fortunate to serve on the District Math Committee, as the Chairperson of the Health and Wellness Committee, and as a member of the Common Core and Thinking Maps Committees. Prior to OVSD, I worked in the Westminster School District for 14 years, 11 of those years as

a classroom teacher for multiple grade levels. In 2001, I became a Nationally Board Certified teacher and in 2011, a Nationally Board Recertified teacher. During that time I had the opportunity for three years to coach as a Cognitively Guided Instruction Math Coach with the Orange County Department of Education. In 2008, I was fortunate to move in to an administrative role, serving as a teacher on special assignment and then as an assistant principal at the elementary and middle school levels. It was exciting to join the OVSD team in 2011 as an elementary school principal.

On a personal note, I have two incredible children who are now thriving as young adults. My husband of 33 years is a car enthusiast, so I reap the benefits of enjoying vintage cars and car shows. During my free time, I love to read and travel. It is going to be an incredible year meeting all of you and working with Star View’s wonderful students, staff, PTO, and community. I truly look forward to meeting and working with you and your child at Star View!

Village View *Elementary*

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Francesca Ligman
Interim Principal

It is such an honor to kick off the school year as the Interim Principal of Village View Elementary School. I was born and raised in Southern California, and now my family and I reside in Huntington Beach. I have two children that bring endless joy to my life. My career began 20 years ago in the Ocean View School District. It is hard to believe so much time has passed. Since then I have served as a teacher, District instructional coach, the Interim Principal at Oak View Elementary School, and now as the Interim Principal of Village View.

This year, I anticipate an incredible experience for students and staff at Village View. My goal is to create a safe, caring environment where all students can learn and grow. When families, community members, and educators work together, we make a significant difference in the lives of children. I am excited to work with all of our Village View families and our amazing staff to help prepare each student for a bright future.

I am honored to be working collaboratively with such an outstanding school district and community. Education has been my passion for over 20 years, and I am delighted to share my knowledge, experience and skills with the Village View family.

Vista View *Middle School*

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Scott Mooney
Principal

I am excited to begin my second year as the Principal of Vista View Middle School. I am proud to lead a school where all adults are focused on doing what is best for students. Recently, Vista was recognized by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as an "Honor Roll Star School." This award recognizes our consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. We will continue our collective work to improve and expand the learning experience for all students. An additional area of focus for Vista View this year will be increasing parent and community engagement in the education process. I received my undergraduate degree at Stevens Institute of Technology in

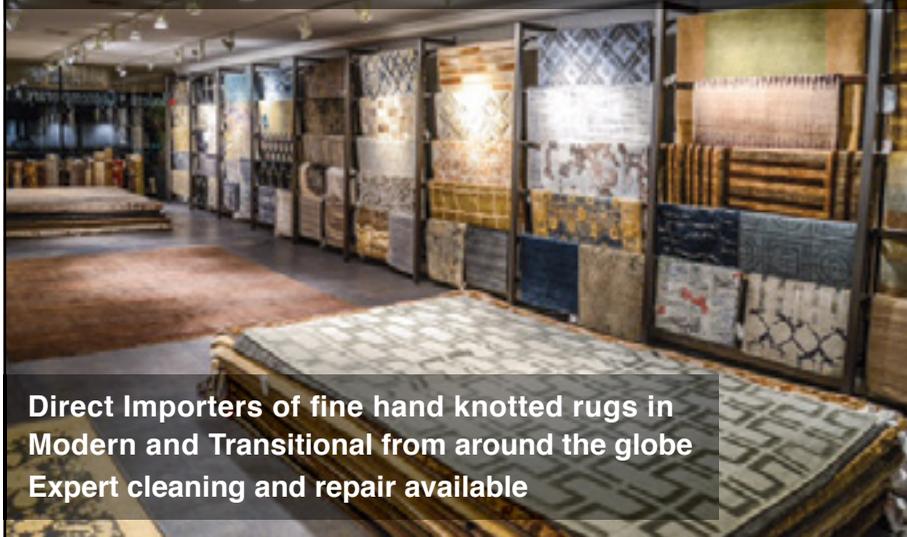
Hoboken, New Jersey, where I majored in mechanical engineering and was captain of the volleyball team. Upon graduation, I decided to change my career path to make a difference in the lives of students. I was a high school science teacher and volleyball coach for 10 years, primarily at San Marino High School. I spent the 2007–2008 school year teaching English at Quy Nhon University in Vietnam. I received my master's degree in Educational Leadership from Cal Poly, Pomona, and will begin a doctoral program at Cal State Fullerton in the coming year. I served as an assistant principal at the high school and middle school levels before joining the Ocean View team last year.

My wife, Lauren, and I have been married since 2010 and enjoy camping, hiking and travel. Our favorite places to visit are Avila Beach, Portland and Ireland. You can find me on Twitter @smooney5. #GoFalcons!

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Westmont *Elementary*

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Susan Broderson
Principal

It's time for another great year to kick off and the staff at Westmont is ready! Everyone has been working hard to get classrooms ready for all of our new and returning scholars. Our custodians and maintenance department have been cleaning and sprucing up the buildings and grounds to welcome our Westmont students and families. We are especially excited this year to add new programs and incentives for our students. We will continue to focus on providing the best 21st century education to each and every child.

While integrating learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, we will also offer enrichment programs in the arts. New to Westmont this year will be the integration of the "Meet the Masters" art program into the core curriculum. "Meet the Masters" is a volunteer-led art history and appreciation program intended to acquaint children with the arts world. In addition, we will continue to offer "Disney Musicals in Schools," with a new high energy Disney production. Stay tuned to hear about this year's selection, which will be announced in September!

Personally, I am very grateful to be leading the Westmont staff for a third year. I have been in education for the past fifteen years, the past four as an administrator. I earned my bachelor's degree at California State University at Long Beach and a master's degree in Social Work at the University of Southern California. After being a social worker for many years, I switched careers and dedicated myself to education. My passion is working with children to assist them in reaching their full potential and in becoming productive, well-rounded community members. I am honored to work at Westmont with such a committed staff, which works tirelessly to meet the needs of all students. Working together with our parenting partners, we will make the 2016-2017 year a huge success!

Westminster School District

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps

Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps was appointed superintendent of the Westminster School District (WSD) in 2013. Since becoming WSD's first minority superintendent, she has focused on bringing equity, access and opportunities to every student in the district.

Under Dr. Kim-Phelps's leadership, WSD was one of only 13 districts throughout California to be named a 2015 Honor Roll District, a national program recognizing high-performing schools that improve the outcomes for students. In addition, the district was honored as a 2015 White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics "Bright Spot in Hispanic Education" and was named a "2016 District of Distinction" by *District Administration Magazine* for establishing the first Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Academy in California.

Dr. Kim-Phelps has worked diligently to increase student achievement through the implementation of 21st century learning initiatives that include: increasing STEM/STEAM offerings, 1:1 Chromebooks, blended learning, digital badging, leadership capacity building, dual language immersion and Pathways to Biliteracy. During Dr. Phelps's tenure, the district has developed and expanded the visual and performing arts and physical education programs at all schools in the district, implemented foreign language classes at every middle school, and established a Saturday Academy that allows the district to recover funding lost from student absences through a four-hour enrichment program.

The Orange County Department of Education named Dr. Kim Phelps the 2016 countywide Celebrating English Learner Success Award winner. She was named the Westminster School District 2016 Central Office Administrator of the Year and the Association of California School Administrators' 2013 Central Office Administrator of the Year in Region 18. She was also part of the team that led the 2nd largest school district in the state to become recognized as a 2013 Broad Prize for Urban Education District Finalist. Dr. Kim-Phelps currently serves as a board member for the National Resource Center for Asian Languages and a member of the College of Education Advisory Board at California State University Fullerton.

Dr. Kim-Phelps has worked in public education for 25 years. Prior to joining WSD, she served as an area superintendent overseeing 29 schools in the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD). She was also a principal, vice principal and teacher in the SDUSD. Dr. Kim-Phelps holds a Doctorate degree from San Diego State University, a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Point Loma Nazarene University and a Bachelor of Arts from University of California, San Diego.

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President

Mr. Jamison Power was elected to the Board in 2012. He received his B.A. from UC Irvine and his Juris Doctor from UCLA. In his law practice, Mr. Power represents numerous local and national businesses. He also provides free legal assistance to low income families, and has received multiple awards for this work. Mr. Power is very active in the community, and currently serves as a Westminster City Commissioner and a member of the Westminster General Plan Advisory Committee. Mr. Power previously served as a member of the Vietnamese-American Education Advisory Council, and he worked closely with the Superintendent and the Board to ensure that WSD became the first district in California to implement a Vietnamese-English dual immersion program. Mr. Power is a member of the Blessed Sacrament parish and is a proud homeowner in the City of Westminster, where he lives with his wife, My Lan, and his son, Kieran Liem.

Anderson Elementary (K-6)

8902 Hewitt Pl., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/894-7201 • <http://anderson.wsdk8.us>



Kim Breckenridge
Principal

Anderson tigers are readers! Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Scheiber are excited to launch the 2016-17 school year at Anderson with a focus on reading comprehension. Mrs. Breckenridge will continue as the site principal, her ninth year in this position. As a graduate of the Westminster School District, it's great to be home, where she has had the opportunity to be a student, teacher, and administrator.

Mrs. Breckenridge obtained her bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. She earned her master's degree and administrative credential at California State University, Long Beach. She has held many different positions in her 20+ years in education and worked in six different schools in two different districts.

Mrs. Scheiber attended California State University, San Bernardino for her bachelor's degree. She attended National University where she received her master's degree, teaching and administrative credential. This is Mrs. Scheiber's 4th year as an assistant principal in the Westminster School District and 17th year in education.

Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Scheiber are looking forward to the 2016 – 2017 school year. It is sure to be a year where Anderson roars with reading!

Clegg School

6311 Larchwood Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7218 • <http://clegg.wsdk8.us>



John Staggs
Principal

Mr. John Staggs has been an educator for over 18 years at both the middle and elementary levels. Mr. Staggs is currently the principal of Clegg Elementary School and has been in this position for seven years. He was very excited that Clegg opened its doors as a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Technology (STEAM) Magnet School during the 2013-14 school year and looks forward to another great year.

Prior to beginning his time as principal of Clegg, Mr. Staggs served as the assistant principal at Stacey/Clegg School when Clegg was combined with Stacey Middle School as a K-8 school. His teaching years took place in Norwalk/La Mirada, where he taught seventh grade, as well as an at-risk class for middle school students. He later went on to serve as a Title I Coordinator before moving into administration with the Westminster School District. While teaching, Mr. Staggs was very involved with sports programs throughout the district.

Mr. Staggs attended the University of Maryland at the campus in Munich, Germany, as well as California State University, Long Beach and Walden University. He is currently working on completing a program at USC.

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DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

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Shannon Villanueva
Principal

The 2016-2017 school year will mark, Ms. Shannon Villanueva's 25th year in education! As a teacher, she taught at both the elementary and middle school levels. She has been the proud principal of DeMille Elementary School for seven years. Exciting things are happening at DeMille, and Ms. Villanueva considers it to be a privilege to be a part of the innovative ways our students are being prepared to be global citizens and 21st century learners.

During the 2015-2016 school year Westminster School District was the first district in California to open a Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion program with two Kindergarten classes at DeMille. A new grade level will be added each year until Vietnamese Dual Immersion classes are offered across all grade levels. DeMille is thrilled to provide our students the opportunity to learn and become literate in two languages. As an educator and as a parent, Ms. Villanueva believes that students will reap tremendous benefits socially and academically given the gift of biliteracy.

Ms. Villanueva considers herself to be a life-long learner. She attended the University of California, Irvine, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Ecology with a minor in vocal music and her multiple subject teaching credential. She received her Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from National University. She aspires to pursue her doctorate in education in the near future.

When Ms. Villanueva is not working, she keeps herself busy and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, going to Disneyland, going to baseball games, and more.

Ms. Villanueva enjoys being the principal at DeMille. "We have wonderful students, dedicated parents, and a great staff. DeMille is a great place to learn and grow." The 2016-2017 school year promises be filled with lots of learning and amazing accomplishments.

Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

13552 University St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7227 • <http://eastwood.wsdk8.us>



Dr. Jason Kuncewicki
Principal

Dr. Jason Kuncewicki is starting his second year as a principal in the Westminster School District and his 21st year in education. He is excited to continue to serve Eastwood School.

Prior to serving at Eastwood, Dr. Kuncewicki was a principal in the Buena Park School District at Carl E. Gilbert School. He felt "blessed" to be able to serve the Gilbert community for nine years and see the staff and families grow and meet their potential. He has also had the opportunity to work in the Bellflower Unified School District as a high school assistant principal in charge of the middle school program at Mayfair, and he served as an assistant principal in an elementary setting as well. Dr.

Kuncewicki has also taught special education and kindergarten through sixth grade in the Magnolia School District. He is currently an adjunct professor

at Concordia University where he teaches new and potential educational administrators. When Dr. Kuncewicki is not working, he enjoys reading, spending time with family and being active.

When asked about reflecting on his over 20 years of educational experience within the classroom and in school-based administration, Dr. Kuncewicki stated that "my job is to serve children, teachers and their parents."

"I strive on a daily basis to be the best educator I can be and hope that all stakeholders can walk away each day reflecting on quality teaching and learning that has taken place," he said.

Dr. Kuncewicki graduated from the University of Southern California, where he received his Doctorate of Education in educational leadership. He also has a Master of Arts degree in educational administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies with a focus on creative writing.

Finley *Elementary (K-5)*

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Raul Olivas
Principal

As an educator of 18 years, Mr. Raul Olivas is the new principal at Finley Elementary School. He is looking forward to this upcoming school year and looks forward to continue to build on the relationships he built with the community while serving as Assistant Principal at the neighboring school, Johnson Middle School, the previous two years.

Prior to his work in Westminster, Mr. Olivas was an Assistant Principal at Sierra Vista Junior High School for the William S. Hart Union High School District in Santa Clarita. Before

becoming an administrator, he worked at Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. Middle for the Los Angeles Unified School District. During his time there, he served in an out of the classroom capacity: Title 1/English Learner Coordinator for 2 years, and a Dean of Students for 4 years. Mr. Olivas also has 8 years of Pre-Algebra teaching experience: 4 years in inner city Los Angeles and 4 year in his hometown of El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Olivas is a proud Miner with a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso in El Paso, Texas, while also obtaining his Master's degree from National University.

Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Dena Kiouses
Principal

Dr. Dena Kiouses is principal at Fryberger Elementary School in the Westminster School District. This is Dr. Kiouses' third year at Fryberger School. Dr. Kiouses taught at the elementary level and also middle school algebra, English, and reading. Dr. Kiouses also had administrative experience in both elementary and middle schools.

"Fryberger School is a vibrant campus and has a welcoming feel that is evident the moment you walk through the door. Staff, parents, and students, have come together to create a community of learners. Last school year, the Fryberger School community was proud to earn the Title I Achievement award and also be awarded the Honor School designation, both for student achievement. We were most proud of the California Gold Ribbon Award for student achievement and our community

involvement practices, recognizing the strong Fryberger school/home bond that was created by school staff and parents working together. At Fryberger School, we know school/parent involvement is vital and we look forward to increasing our involvement practices in the coming year. We invite all parents to join us in our endeavors. I look forward to this school year and all we will accomplish, together, for our students. As an educational leader, I am proud to grow with such a dynamic community."

Dr. Kiouses is married and has four grown children. She has many pets and enjoys reading and hiking.

Dr. Kiouses earned a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership from CSU Fresno. She also has a Master of Arts degree in education from the University of LaVerne and a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from CSU, Bakersfield.

Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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Mark Murphy
Principal

Mr. Murphy has been an educator for over 18 years all for the Westminster School District. He began his teaching career at Schroeder Elementary where he taught 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. He then became a Student Achievement Teacher for the district and had the privilege to work at many of the schools in the district including Schmitt, and Meairs. He began his administrative career at Stacey Middle School as the Asst. Principal then was assigned to Hayden Elementary 7 years ago and now begins his fifth year as the Principal of Hayden.

Not only has Mr. Murphy worked for the Westminster School District for the past 16 years but he is also a proud former student of the district. Mr. Murphy stated, "I am extremely proud and honored to be working

in the same district that has taught me so much. I am very excited to have the opportunity to pass on the knowledge that I have obtained throughout my years in the Westminster School District." Mr. Murphy believes that every student who enters Hayden School can succeed. He feels he is the role model for his students and teachers; thus, he should demonstrate respect, honesty, empathy, responsibility and a desire for learning. He tries to develop a safe atmosphere where his students feel that their thoughts and opinions are valued.

Mr. Murphy has had many amazing influences in his career and would not be here today without the guidance and support of these tremendous leaders. They include Linda Baxter, Heidi DeBritton, Jerry Gargus his sister Maggie Villegas. He currently resides in Huntington Beach and enjoys jogging and mountain biking.

Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

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Daniel Owens
Principal

Mr. Daniel Owens is beginning his third year in the Westminster School District as principal of Johnson Middle School, and his 20th year in education.

Prior to coming to Westminster, Mr. Owens was an assistant principal in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District for eight years, both at the middle and high school levels. He also taught for nine years at Waite Middle School in Norwalk, primarily in algebra and U.S. history. As a teacher, Mr. Owens was involved in many extracurricular activities, including running the drama department, ASB advisor, newspaper advisor, and coaching several sports.

Mr. Owens received his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University

of Southern California. He loves to spend time with his family, which includes his wife of 15 years and two sons ages 4 and 14. His hobbies include cheering on the USC Trojans in every sport, and his beloved Dodgers.

Mr. Owens is looking forward to continuing the wonderful work at Johnson Middle School by helping to support teachers and students as they tackle many new and exciting challenges. As the school's vision statement says, Johnson is committed to "Empower lifelong learners." This vision will be attained by setting high academic expectations for each student, and then providing a strong support system that will ensure they can be met.

In addition to academic expectations, Johnson is also very excited to be expanding its student enrichment opportunities to help strengthen the overall school experience and prepare students for the future.

Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Kane
Principal

Mrs. Kane has been an educator for more than 30 years. During that time she has taught at the elementary and middle school levels in both public and private schools. After many happy years in the classroom Mrs. Kane went back to school to get her Master's Degree in Educational Administration and her administrative credential. For the last 15 years she has served as a principal in the Westminster School District at both elementary

and middle school sites. She is very excited to begin her sixth year at Iva Meairs Elementary, a Gold Ribbon and Title I Academic Achievement School. Mrs. Kane is a local girl. She is a graduate of Orange Coast College, and received her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. When not busy with school Mrs. Kane enjoys reading, baking and spending time in the great outdoors camping, hiking and biking with her husband, two daughters, two sons, and two dogs.

Land School

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Beverlee Mathenia
*Executive Director,
Early Education
& Expanded
Learning*

Ms. Mathenia has been in the field of education for over 25 years, having taught in both private- and public-school settings. Ms. Mathenia also volunteers her time as a parent educator for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, teaching incarcerated mothers the basics of parenting.

When asked what it's like to be an administrator at Land School, Ms. Mathenia said, "Land is a very unique place, providing educational services to over 350 special education and general education children between the ages of 6-months and 5 years. Our school's mission is to prepare each child for kindergarten success and beyond—we accomplish this by providing an excellent instructional program and using digital learning tools in every classroom. The entire school staff works hard to make sure we achieve our mission and is very excited about the new school year."

Ms. Mathenia attended California State University, Fullerton, and has her master's degree. She enjoys web designing in her spare time and volunteering at her church. She lives in Garden Grove with her husband and has two daughters.



Reagan Lopez
*Executive Director,
Student Services*

Ms. Reagan Lopez is the Executive Director of Student Services for the Westminster School District. She has worked in special education for over 13 years.

The thing she enjoys most about her job is providing educational services for all children. She works with a great team at Land School. The Land staff is collaborative, focused, and passionate about their students' success.

Ms. Lopez received her B.A. from Cal Poly Pomona and her Masters degree from University of La Verne. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, friends, and her pets. She is also an avid lover of nature and enjoys hiking.

Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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Orchid Rocha
Principal

Ms. Orchid Rocha has been an educator for 25 years, teaching and serving both elementary and middle school students. She is a certified bilingual teacher with a BA degree in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), an M.A. degree in multicultural education from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and an administrative credential from Point Loma University. She has served the Westminster School District for the past eight years, first as the principal of Webber Elementary School and most recently, as the principal of Schmitt Elementary School. Previously, she worked for the Downey Unified School District as an elementary school bilingual teacher, Gifted & Talented Education (GATE) site coordinator, Title I teacher specialist, English Language Development (ELD) teacher specialist, literacy coach, vice principal, and Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) mentor.

The passion for working with children began through her volunteer experiences such as:

UCLA's UniCamp mentoring program for underprivileged children; math tutor for UCLA's Prison Coalition at a juvenile detention center, and through UCLA's Project MAC, working with children who were victims of abuse. All of these experiences sparked her love for teaching and helping all children.

On a personal note, Orchid Rocha is married with two daughters, Sofia and Isabella. This fall, Sofia will begin her second year at UC San Diego in Aerospace Engineering Program, while Isabella begins High School at Cypress. Orchid enjoys reading, Zumba, traveling and relaxing with her family.

Ms. Rocha is honored and humbled with the experience of leading a school. She looks forward to continuing her work with the Schmitt Elementary School team and the community as they strive to maintain a high-quality educational experience for all students.

Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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Carrie Hernandez
Principal

Mrs. Carrie Hernandez has been in education for over 24 years beginning her teaching career in 1992 at Midway City School in Westminster School District teaching state preschool. She then moved to Savanna School District where she taught 1st, 4th and 5th grades. While teaching in Savanna, she earned her master's degree in Educational Administration at California State University, Long Beach. In 2000 she became a Visiting Educator with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She worked with 43 schools supporting the district's reading initiative in the elementary schools. In 2004, she returned to Westminster School District where she enjoyed being a Student

Achievement Teacher at Sequoia Elementary and teaching Transitional Kindergarten at Schmitt School. She then moved to Hayden Elementary School where she was the Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Hernandez is a resident of Cypress and enjoys spending time with her husband of 18 years and their three children. She spends a lot of her family time doing scouting activities, sports and camping. She also loves to read and plays hand bells in her spare time.

Mrs. Hernandez is excited to be returning to Schroeder Elementary School for her 3rd year as principal. She looks forward to another great year working alongside the staff, parents, and community to continue the great traditions and successes here at Schroeder!

Sequoia *Elementary (K-6)*

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Michelle Watkins
Principal

Mrs. Watkins has been an educator for over 18 years. She taught at Schroeder for 13 years, where she was also an administrative designee, a district GATE coordinator and trainer, a Common Core trainer, a STEM specialist, and a mathematical grant program director. Mrs. Watkins specializes in differentiated instruction using the depth and complexity framework. She also develops curriculum and trains teachers nationally.

Mrs. Watkins has lived in and around the Westminster area her whole life, and is proud to be a product of the Westminster School District. She attended Eastwood, Stacey, and Westminster High School. After high school, Mrs. Watkins obtained her

bachelor's degree in child development and family studies and her teaching credential from CSU Long Beach. She also holds a Masters in Education and Curriculum from National University. In addition, Mrs. Watkins received her administrative credential at UC Irvine.

In addition to a passion for students and education, Mrs. Watkins cherishes spending time with her family and friends. You will often find her cheering on her 13-year-old son at his baseball games. She also enjoys going to sporting events, and is looking forward to working closely with staff, parents, and community to help our school continue Soaring to Success!

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Willmore *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Nicole Jacobson
Principal

Dr. Nicole Jacobson is honored and proud to begin her first year as principal at Willmore Elementary School, a California Gold Ribbon and Title 1 Achievement Award School. Willmore is excited to open its doors to an inspiring, new Spanish/English Dual Language Immersion Academy in both preschool and kindergarten this coming year, providing students the opportunity to become biliterate and bilingual at a young age.

Prior to Willmore, Dr. Jacobson served as the Assistant Principal at Meairs Elementary School in the Westminster School District. Before coming to Westminster, she was an elementary teacher and an Instructional Mathematics Coach/Intervention

Coordinator at both the elementary and secondary levels in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has a lifelong love for learning and teaching, and

believes in high quality education and expectations for all students.

On a personal note, Dr. Jacobson enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her husband and two children, ages 7 and 9. She likes running along the beach, attending sports events, and being around friends and family. She lived in Italy for a year after graduating from college, and likes to travel whenever possible.

In May 2016, she earned a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California. Dr. Jacobson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of California, Irvine. She then received her Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University, Northridge. She is excited to join the Willmore team and continue to strive for excellence, while working alongside the wonderful staff, parents, and community!

Stacey *Middle School*

6311 Larchwood Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7212 • <http://stacey.wsdk8.us>



Heidi DeBritton
Principal

Mrs. DeBritton has worked in the Westminster School District for 25 years. She began her career in WSD as an eighth-grade English language arts and social science teacher at Stacey before moving to an administrative position in 1998. She has been the assistant principal of Warner Middle School as well as the principal of Schroder Elementary, Johnson Middle and Stacey Middle schools. She has been recognized as both the Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year for the WSD.

Mrs. DeBritton has taught in both the Ocean View and

Huntington Beach City school districts. She also attended Stacey Middle School as a student and then went to Marina High school and the University of California, Irvine. She received her Master's degree in educational administration from the United States International College. She has two wonderful daughters and 3 grandchildren. She resides in Huntington Beach and enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with her family. When asked what it is like to be the principal of Stacey, Mrs. DeBritton said, "The Stacey community works together to ensure the best education for our students. We are committed to building successful motivated scholars for life."

Webber *Elementary (K-6)*

14142 Hoover St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7288 • <http://webber.wsdk8.us>



Kevin Whitney
Principal

Mr. Kevin Whitney has 18 years of experience in education and has taught in both elementary and middle schools. Over the years, he held many teacher leadership positions: Master Teacher, BTSA Support Provider, Lead Teacher, Thinking Maps Trainer, and Technology Support Teacher. Between 2012 – 2014, Mr. Whitney served as a full time administrative support to the principals at Meairs Elementary and Anderson Elementary.

He is excited to start his third year as the principal at Webber Elementary. He looks forward to working with the Webber Wolf Pack so we howl with Self-Control, Responsibility, Safety, and Respect. Mr. Whitney is a strong proponent of technology. He is

looking forward to supporting the Webber Educational Community to create an instructional environment based on 21st Century Learning where each student will grow to become a leader in his/her own life. Mr. Whitney holds a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Cal State Long Beach, and a Masters in Applied Anthropology as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Cal State Fullerton. It is his passion for educational excellence which drove him to become a teacher, a teacher leader, and now the principal of Webber Elementary. When he isn't busy working for the Webber Educational Community, Mr. Whitney can be found reading books, walking with his dog, camping and hiking in the Sierras, or connecting with his friends and family.

Warner *Middle School (6-8)*

14171 Newland St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7281 • <http://warner.wsdk8.us>



Amy Pham Kwon
Principal

Mrs. Amy Pham Kwon is beginning her third year as principal of Warner Middle School. She returned home to Orange County after spending more than 15 years in Northern California's Bay Area. Prior to accepting the position at Warner, she was a K-12 math specialist for Fremont Unified School District, where she led teachers and administrators from 29 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools in rolling out and implementing a district Common Core Transition Plan. She also brings high school mathematics teaching experience and was a high school assistant principal and junior high principal for Fremont. She received her

bachelors degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her masters degree in educational administration from Santa Clara University.

When she isn't working, Mrs. Kwon enjoys spending time with her husband. They lead active lifestyles and particularly love to play volleyball, snowboard and do triathlons. Together they started Endline Volleyball Club. Though they are sad to be leaving the club in Northern California, they look forward to transitioning from the indoor court to the sand courts.

Mrs. Kwon is humbled and honored to continue to be the leader of the Warner community. She is excited to see the growth in Warner's world language programs (Vietnamese and Spanish), Robotics, and other ways to integrate technology into the classrooms and prepare students to become global citizens of the 21st century.

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INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Alan Rasmussen

After a 40-year career in K-12 education, it is my honor and pleasure to serve the Board of Trustees, students, staff, and community of the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) as Interim Superintendent. I am proud to be a Huntington Beach resident, and even more proud to now lead a district that works so diligently to educate, prepare, and inspire its students to change the world.

Prior to my retirement in 2011, I served as Superintendent for neighboring Ocean View School District, as well as Hermosa Beach City School District and Merced City School District. In addition to my 13 years of superintendent experience, I also held the positions of assistant superintendent, elementary and middle school principal, and classroom teacher in various school districts.

As a result of my years of experience, I recognize the importance of an esteemed, well-rounded leader at the forefront of a district. With the start of the new school year, the Board of Trustees will seek just that – an esteemed, well-rounded leader to become the district's new superintendent.

As a crucial part of the superintendent hiring process, we sought essential input from employees, parents, students, and members of the community to help identify the most important skills and attributes when considering superintendent candidates throughout the month of August. In order to do so, we collected anonymous surveys to determine personal characteristics, professional characteristics, and education/experience attributes to be considered when selecting superintendent candidates. After an overwhelming amount of support, over 800 survey responses were collected, creating an invaluable packet of feedback to be considered through our process.

With our employees, parents, students, and members of the community by our side, I am confident our search for the next HBUHSD Superintendent will turn out triumphant, with a leader eager to continue empowering minds and building futures through innovative learning.

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Dr. Duane Dishno
President

I am a retired educator and administrator who has lived in this community and been a resident of the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) for more than 40 years, during which time I served as Superintendent of elementary, unified, and high school districts.

I began my career as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, and learning analyst in the Westminster School District (WSD), then became a school Principal for the Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD), where I also served as Director of Special Education and Special Services, and as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. In 1984, I assumed my first Superintendent position in Los Angeles County where I remained for ten years, returning to Huntington Beach in 1990 to serve as Superintendent of the HBCSD until my retirement in 2001.

Following retirement, I served for ten years as a Benefits Counselor with the California State Teachers Retirement System helping educators to plan wisely for their retirement years. I also served as an Interim Superintendent for HBCSD in 2004, and for HBUHSD in 2011.

In May of 2012, I was appointed to the Governing Board of the HBUHSD. I was elected to the position the following November, and re-elected in 2014.

Over the years, I have represented the communities in which I lived and worked in many ways, including serving on the Huntington Beach Centennial Celebration Committee, Huntington Beach Anti-Crime Coalition, Mayor's Task Force on Children's Needs, President of the American Heart Association Huntington-Valley Division, Pier Plaza Grand Opening Committee, Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Legislation Committee, President of the Association for Retarded Citizens, HBCSD Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, Vice-President of Promoting Resources in Drug Education Foundation, President of the Huntington Beach Education Foundation, West Sub-Region Committee on Gangs, United Way Schools Division, Historical Society, and Coordinating Council.

I served as State Membership Chair of the Association of California School Administrators, Chair of the Orange County Superintendents, Chair of the ACSA Region 17 Professional Standards Committee and Members Services Committee, and Chair of the East San Gabriel Valley Superintendents Association,

I grew up in the Pacific Northwest and came to California following graduation from college. I earned a Master's Degree at California State University, Long Beach, and received my Doctoral Degree from the University of La Verne. I am married with two children and grandfather to four. Our children attended local schools and my wife taught for more than 30 years in the Westminster School District. She now supervises student teachers in a variety of elementary school districts for California State University, Long Beach.

I am a proud member of this community and I take great pride in my work as an elected Trustee for the people of Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Westminster.

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Dr. Angela Harding
Principal

Dr. Harding's passion for education began while earning her B.A degree at UC Santa Barbara. Following this, she earned her Masters in Educational Technology from Pepperdine University and her teaching credentials from Chapman University. After a decade as a classroom teacher, she obtained her Administrative credential from Brandman University and her Doctorate in Psychology from California Southern University. She is a local Huntington Beach resident who enjoys supporting teachers, students, and parents in meaningful approaches to education.

Edison *High School*

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Jennifer Graves
Principal

Jennifer Graves is honored and thrilled to be taking the lead as the new principal of Edison High School. This is her fourth year as a proud Charger. The past three years she was the Assistant Principal of Supervision. 2016-17 will be her 22nd year in education. Prior to HBUHSD Mrs. Graves had been in various districts as a Physical Education and US History Teacher, a Dean of Student Activities, and an Assistant Principal. Mrs. Graves received her Bachelors of Science degree at California State Fullerton and her Master's degree in Education Administration at National University.

Mrs. Graves resides in Huntington Beach within the Edison High School boundaries with her husband David, two dogs Charlie and Abby.

Mrs. Graves' passion for education and building an environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed is at the heart of everything she believes. Her goal is for all students to be connected during their time at Edison. She embraces the "Edison way" of never resting on their laurels and always striving for Excellence. She believes what makes Edison so special is that all students are accepted and respected for who they are. Edison embraces social independence and celebrates each student's individuality. She is definitely, "Proud to be a Charger!"

Fountain Valley *High School*

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Dr. Morgan Smith
Principal

This is Dr. Morgan Smith's 14th year in education and in the past he has served as an Art and 3D Animation teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal at the Middle School level. Dr. Smith is starting his 7th year as a principal and his second as the principal of Fountain Valley High School. Dr. Smith earned his Bachelor of Arts from Cal State Long Beach, his Master's in Education from Alliant University and his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from USC. Dr. Smith is married, and has two children. He enjoys camping, fishing and traveling with his family and friends. Above all, Dr. Smith is a student centered advocate who believes

students thrive in an opportunity rich environment. Dr. Smith believes that 'Students who explore what interests them will discover a passion for learning that can open doors to their future.'

Dr. Smith is looking forward to supporting all Barons and continuing a rich tradition and legacy dating back to it's opening in 1966. Dr. Smith is looking forward to participating in school events that will connect alumni and community members to the campus and our programs. If you are former Baron and would like to find a way to connect and give back to your Alma Mater, please contact the school at 714-962-3301.

Huntington Beach *Adult School*

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Steve Curiel
Principal

Steve Curiel started his educational career as a science teacher in the Downey Unified School district, teaching at Warren High School for five years. During this time he taught a variety of science and computer science related courses. He was also part of a cohort of teachers who worked with at-risk students which was his first venture into alternative formats of education.

Seeing an opportunity to serve in education in a broader capacity Mr. Curiel applied for and was hired as a vice principal at Downey Adult School. During his eight years at Downey Adult School he oversaw the Career Training program, the Adult High School Diploma program, and Community Education Fee Based program.

Mr. Curiel came to the Huntington Beach Union High School District Adult School as an Assistant Principal in January 2008. He was the administrator over the English as a Second Language (ESL) program that served over 3,500

students per year and then added to his responsibilities the Career Technical Education department.

Mr. Curiel was offered the privilege to become principal for the Huntington Beach Adult School and Coast High School in the fall of 2010. In the fall of 2011 he was also given the opportunity of being the principal for Community Day School (now merged with Coast High). Over the past five years he has focused on streamlining programs in order to give better and easier access to students.

Mr. Curiel lives in Mission Viejo with his wife and three children. His oldest child is attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and his two other children attend the Capistrano Unified School District. He received his BA in Social Sciences, his secondary teaching credential and administrative credential education from UC, Irvine. He later received his MBA from Cal State Dominguez Hills. Mr. Curiel is bilingual in Spanish and enjoys exercising and playing video and board games with his children.

Huntington Beach *High School*

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Daniel Morris
Principal

Daniel Morris is proud to be Principal of Huntington Beach High School. The 2016-2017 school year will be his 17th year in education!

Mr. Morris has served as a classroom teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and director of alternative education in various local school districts, as well as in Huntington Beach. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from California State University, Fullerton, and his Master's Degree in Education from Alliant University.

Mr. Morris is a leader who is student, staff, and community focused. He truly believes in the strength of teamwork to ensure the success of Huntington Beach High School. He is also very passionate about education, and looks forward to partnering with students, staff, and parents to provide

Huntington Beach High School with a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality educational experience in Academics, The Arts, Athletics, and Action!. As the parent of two boys, Mr. Morris also recognizes the importance of a strong home-school connection to ensure that each student's social, emotional, and academic needs are being met.

Mr. Morris lives in Old Towne Orange with his wife Michele and his sons Jackson and Milo. His spare time activities include restoring his historic home and enjoying the outdoors with his family. He especially looks forward to returning so that his children can be afforded the wonderful opportunities that Huntington Beach High School and the Huntington Beach Union High School District has to offer.

Mr. Morris wants to thank the entire HBHS community for this opportunity to serve as your principal!

Marina *High School*

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Dr. Jessie Marion
Principal

Dr. Jessie Marion is proud to have served as an educator for 16 years. After teaching high school English in upstate New York, she transitioned to working with both middle school and high school students as an assistant principal in New York and California. During her time as assistant principal, Dr. Marion had the opportunity to work with students and staff in activities and athletics, discipline and school safety, guidance, assessment and data, and curriculum and instruction. Her educational background includes receiving a B.A. from SUNY Geneseo, a Master's Degree from SUNY Cortland, an administrative credential from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and her

Ed.D. from the University of Southern California. Although Dr. Marion enjoys visiting friends and family in New York, she enjoys the weather and beaches in Southern California above all else.

Dr. Marion is thrilled to lead the Viking students and staff as their principal. Marina is a school that has been recognized for excellent programs, an exceptional staff, and great academic achievement for over 50 years. Dr. Marion recognizes the proud history of the school and is excited for Marina's future achievements. Dr. Marion believes all students can achieve in an environment that is safe, supportive, and student-centered, and she is looking forward to working with the Viking community to help Marina continue to be a place where students and staff thrive and love to be.

Ocean View *High School*

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Dr. Courtney Robinson
Principal

Dr. Robinson is entering her 17th year in education. For nine years, she was a high school social science teacher. During her teaching career, Dr. Robinson coached tennis and softball, was the cheer advisor, and worked as a curriculum leader for her school. As an administrator, Dr. Robinson has been an activities director and assistant principal of curriculum, supervision and guidance.

This will be Dr. Robinson's second year as principal of Ocean View High School, which is where she began her administrative work eight years ago. She is excited to start another year with Ocean View's amazing staff, students, families, and community. Ocean View has many programs and extra-curricular

opportunities to offer students, such as a Business Academy, AVID, Career and Technical Education Pathways, the International Baccalaureate Program, a strong athletic program, and many student led clubs.

Dr. Robinson believes that all students can learn and achieve at high levels when they are connected with teachers, engaged in the classroom, and involved in their school. The staff and faculty at Ocean View are committed to challenging students and supporting them in their academic endeavors. Every student that walks onto Ocean View's campus quickly learns how caring the entire school staff is and how you "can't spell LOVE without OV!"

Dr. Robinson earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from California State University, Long Beach; her Master of Arts degree in educational administration from Chapman University; and her doctorate in educational leadership from California State University, Long Beach. She and her husband have four children, Haylee, Jadyn, Kyra, and Landin. On the weekends, she can be found on the softball or soccer fields or attending San Diego Charger games with her family.

Valley Vista *High School*

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Kerry Clitheroe
Principal

Faces. When I think about my career working with at-risk youth, and the Valley Vista High School academic community I am privileged to lead, I think of faces. I can recall the face of every teacher and administrator I have worked with in my many years in the Huntington Beach Union High School District. I can recall the face of every classified and professional support staff person I have worked with as an administrator. These faces are smiling because they found immense satisfaction in the personal challenge and close interaction of helping these special students achieve their potential. As do I.

By far the most important element of our success at VvHS is the quality and commitment of our instructional and support staff. Our teachers are expert in their subject area, and collaborative, and sincerely interested in our unique student population. The guidance staff sensitively supports the teachers,

students, and parents. Our classified staff provides prompt, responsive, friendly service. Our teachers embrace educational technology, utilize social media, encourage creativity, and develop global citizens. Our students respond very well to innovative, integrated curriculum that promotes 21st century skills.

At this time of year, it's the faces of students that come to me most strongly. Some students arrived with carefully controlled blank faces. Their parents' faces often try to hide fear or dread. These are very real, understandable emotions in the situation. I knew that VvHS would welcome and embrace these students and their families. These students' faces changed first to shy, happy acceptance, and then full smiles on graduation day.

I am fortunate to be part of a truly supportive community of colleagues who share a strong commitment to our students' success. I'm also blessed with the love and support of a wonderful husband and incredible daughter, good friends, and three very special cats, and the memories of faces that I cherish.

Westminster *High School*

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Joe Fraser
Principal

Mr. Fraser will begin his 3rd year as Principal of Westminster High School and 7th year in the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

After graduating from Cal State University Fullerton, where he was a member of the 1995 National Champion baseball team, he played baseball with the Minnesota Twins organization. Mr. Fraser began his teaching career in Paramount Unified where he taught Language Arts, History and Physical Education. He moved to Westminster High School as a Teacher on Special Assignment

in 2010 and in 2011 began his administrative career at Fountain Valley High School. In 2013 he returned to the Lions as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction.

Mr. Fraser is thrilled about being a Lion and is looking forward to continuing the great work that is being done by the Westminster High School staff.

Mr. Fraser and wife, Cali, have a daughter, Gracie, and son, Gabe, who provide both with many busy weekends on the baseball, football and soccer fields.

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Central Library has a homework club staffed with volunteer tutors Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting September 19. Students and parents will need to register with the onsite coordinator at the start of the homework session.

Homework Club is held in the downstairs Maddy Room. Starting September 1, students 9th grade through high school seniors can register online @ hbpl.org for one-on-one math tutoring. Click on the events calendar.

Have your children registered for our online year round reading programs through Beanstack? Beanstack is for children 12 years old and younger. Once children are registered, they will not have to re-register...Go to www.hbpl.org and click on the Beanstack Banner. Click on the programs you want to join. Besides our year round program, children ages 4-12 can choose to join the Cover to Cover program where they can earn hamburgers through their reading efforts starting October 1 and children 12 and under can join our Fall Reading Raffle starting September 22.



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Time is of the Essence!



Cheryl Brothers
Mayor

Recently the Fountain Valley Fire and Police Departments have responded to two non-breathing victims. On June 20, Fire and Police responded to an emergency 911 call, with lights/sirens. Once on scene, they discovered a 15-month-old victim had fallen into a backyard swimming pool and was unresponsive. The decision was made to immediately transport the infant, along with paramedic personnel, in the back of a police unit to the Fountain Valley Regional Hospital. Once at the hospital, medical personnel were able to revive the infant. The infant has made a full recovery. Hospital personnel said the quick actions

by emergency responders saved precious seconds and most likely saved the infant's life.

On Saturday, August 6, Fountain Valley Police Officers responded to a 911 call regarding a baby not breathing. The first Police Officer arrived on scene within one minute of the call for service. Upon entering the residence, the Officer was confronted with an unresponsive four-month-old baby being held by the parents. The Officer immediately began CPR on the infant and made an instantaneous decision to use the second arriving Police Officer to transport to a nearby hospital emergency room. While continuing CPR in the back of the police vehicle, the Officers made an emergency response to the hospital. After arriving at the hospital, medical personnel were able to revive the infant.

When responding to emergency situations, every second counts! The more quickly CPR is started, the better chance that a victim will have a reduced injury and a better outcome. Everyone should know CPR, it could save a life. As Mayor and as a resident of this wonderful community, I'd like to send a "Kudos" for the quick response by our public safety personnel!

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Ready for a New School Year



Jim Katapodis
Mayor

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had an amazing summer and ready for another great year of learning experience.

I'm sure you'll agree with me when I say this has been an outstanding summer for Huntington Beach. Our city was well-represented in the Rio Olympics! We have at least six athletes from Huntington Beach compete, and that in itself is incredible! We had another successful Vans US Open of Surfing where skateboarders and BMX riders showed off their expertise and talents. Thousands came to witness these world-class surfers and bikers, and enjoyed our restaurants, shops and hotels in the process.

Well, the new Senior Center in Central Park finally had its Grand Opening in July. It's a beautiful facility worthy of serving such a great community as ours, and I encourage you to check it out. They have a lot of volunteer opportunities for young adults, so if you need those volunteer hours or you want to beef up your resume, check them out.

For the aviation enthusiasts, come October 21 – 23, the City will be hosting the Breitling Huntington Beach Airshow. The aerobatic maneuvers of the Thunderbirds will be showcased, with the beach and Pacific Ocean serving as its natural amphitheater. And the best part is it's FREE. Another opportunity for those who love to volunteer -- is being a 'Breitling wingman.' Visit www.hbairshow.com to sign up for this once in a lifetime experience or for more details.

Attending promotional ceremonies and high school graduations last year have been one of the highlights of my year as Mayor and, needless to say, your family and I look forward to seeing you get promoted or graduate this year. I wish you success in all your undertakings, but most of all, have fun while doing so.



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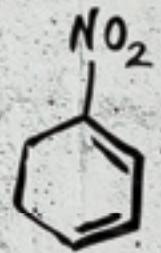
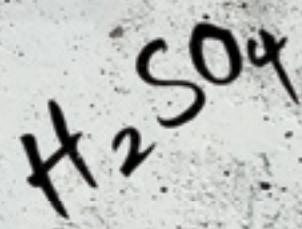


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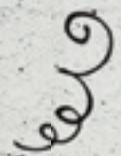
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