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## **New Department Directors Join PUSD Ahead of 2020-21 School Year**

(San Diego, CA) – Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is proud to welcome new leadership ahead of the 2020-21 school year in the Information Technology, Special Education, and Purchasing Departments. Each of these highly regarded professionals will ensure students and school communities are fully supported at the district and site level during this unprecedented time in K12 education. The PUSD Board of Education voted to appoint the following administrators at the June 25 and August 13, 2020 meetings:

Ken Wall – Director, Information Technology (approved June 25)

Heather Schauder – Director II, Special Education (approved August 13)

Jeanette Anderson – Director II, Special Education (approved August 13)

Brenda Gachuz-Miller – Director, Purchasing (approved August 13)



### **Ken Wall: Director, Information Technology**

Mr. Wall is an experienced K-12 technology leader, having dedicated over 18 years to delivering high-quality, equitable learning experiences to students across San Diego. For the last six years, he has served as a Program Manager in PUSD's IT department. In this role, Mr. Wall frequently aligned technology initiatives with curriculum from Educational Leadership to positively impact student learning outcomes. Mr. Wall's dedication to innovative thinking pushed him to design and implement web apps/software that increased student access, all while maintaining safety. Additionally, he was instrumental in

delivering over 7,500 devices for distance learning to PUSD students during COVID-19 emergency school closures.



## **Heather Schauder: Director II, Special Education**

Ms. Schauder has successfully served as a Program Specialist in PUSD for the last five years. During that time, she distinguished herself by working to support staff and students at 10 elementary schools across the District. Ms. Schauder's expertise in student-centered services and programming enables her to work collaboratively with general education professionals and deliver meaningful progress. Prior to joining TeamPUSD, she worked as a school psychologist in San Diego, Huntington Beach, and Long Beach.



## **Jeannette Anderson: Director II, Special Education**

Ms. Anderson currently serves as the Assistant Director of Special Education in Palm Springs Unified School District (ADA 24,000; 88% socioeconomically disadvantaged). Over the course of her distinguished career, she has served as a special education teacher, curriculum coach, administrator of special projects, program specialist, and assistant principal. She is a seasoned special education advocate who maintains focused, inclusive, and supportive learning environments for each and every student, each and every day.



## **Brenda Gachuz-Miller: Director, Purchasing**

In a career that has spanned over 15 years, Ms. Gachuz-Miller has played a pivotal role in coordinating purchasing services for K12 school districts and city governments that not only align with the agency's vision, but support efforts of meaningful stakeholder engagement. She has previously served as a senior management analyst, business services coordinator, and director of purchasing for the City of San Juan Capistrano and Del Mar and Escondido Union School Districts. Ms. Gachuz-Miller's experience in people-oriented public service and standard of excellence is a seamless fit with PUSD's Business vision of providing quality facilities, innovative technologies, and services in an effective, efficient, and timely manner.

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