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Poway Unified School District Welcomes New Leadership for the 2022-23 School Year *6 Principals, 3 Directors appointed by PUSD Board*

(San Diego, CA) – The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is proud to welcome new leadership in advance of the 2022-2023 school year at multiple school sites and district departments. We are pleased to continue our culture of excellence with these new leaders appointed by the Board of Education to #TeamPUSD:

Name:	School Site/Department:	Approval Date:
Dr. Robert Caughey	Principal, Design39Campus	May 12, 2022
Ernest Remillard	Principal, Westview High School	May 12, 2022
Darcel Glover	Principal, Black Mountain Middle School	June 2, 2022
Jessica Pineda	Principal, Sunset Hills Elementary School	June 2, 2022
Dr. Pablo Chavarin	Principal, Valley Elementary School	June 2, 2022
Lisa Wilken	Principal, Stone Ranch Elementary School	June 16, 2022
Ricardo Ceceña	Director, Human Resources	June 2, 2022
Anton Lötter	Director, Transportation	June 16, 2022
Joseph Vaughn	Director, Food & Nutrition	June 16, 2022



Dr. Robert Caughey: Principal, Design39Campus

Dr. Caughey is joining PUSD from San Dieguito Union High School District, where he served as an Assistant Principal, English language arts teacher, Teacher on Special Assignment, and College Board consultant. Dr. Caughey has over two decades of experience and accomplishments as an educator and administrator, with a passion for student safety and inclusion. As a site leader, he is committed to educating the whole child, focusing on their social and emotional wellbeing as well as academic success. Dr. Caughey is a local resident and proud father of three children attending PUSD schools.



Ernest Remillard: Principal, Westview High School

Mr. Remillard is joining Westview High School from Design39Campus, where he served as Principal for one year. Prior to that he was an administrator and teacher for the past 17 years in the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), including Principal at Mission Bay High School, an International Baccalaureate World School. He brings a strong drive for equity and excellence in the classroom, and a passion for connecting students with real-world learning experiences and establishing pathways that enhance student learning opportunities and career readiness.



Darcel Glover: Principal, Black Mountain Middle School

Mr. Glover is coming to Black Mountain Middle School from Westview High School, where he has served as an Assistant Principal since 2018. Prior to that, he was an Assistant Principal in Lemon Grove as well as an Engineering Teacher and Athletic Director. Mr. Glover is passionate about STEM education and creating authentic relationships with the school community to empower student voices through the discovery of each student's personal passion, self-identity, and career and college aspirations.



Jessica Pineda: Principal, Sunset Hills Elementary

Ms. Pineda is excited to be returning home to San Diego from the East coast, where she has been serving as Assistant Principal at Waxpool Elementary School in Ashburn, Virginia. She has been serving in administrative roles since 2016, including Instructional Facilitator at elementary and middle school levels. She is an advocate for collaborative and engaging learning environments for both students and staff, and she is excited to work alongside the Seagull staff to promote the growth of all students.



Pablo Chavarin: Principal, Valley Elementary

Dr. Chavarin is an experienced and respected educator and administrator in PUSD. He has served as the Assistant Principal at Bernardo Heights Middle School since 2017, and prior to that was a teacher and teacher on special assignment for 13 years at Monterey Heights Elementary School in the Lemon Grove School District. Dr. Chavarin is passionate about building positive relationships with students and meeting diverse student needs.

Additionally, he is bilingual in both English and Spanish, which is essential for Valley's dual immersion program.



Lisa Wilken: Principal, Stone Ranch Elementary

Ms. Wilken is an experienced and dynamic administrator in PUSD. She is joining Stone Ranch Elementary School after serving as Principal of Sunset Hills Elementary School for the past five years. Prior to that, she was the Assistant Principal at Chaparral Elementary School for two years and Del Sur Elementary School for one year. She has a passion and enthusiasm for STEM and innovation and continuing PUSD's equity work so that all students feel included, safe, and valued.



Ricardo Ceceña: Director, Human Resources

Mr. Ceceña has 26 years of experience as an educator in PUSD, serving as the Principal of Valley Elementary School for the past seven years, where he was named San Diego County Elementary School Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). He is an effective communicator and strong team player with a proven background strengthening relationships with school personnel and leading teams with a focus on recruitment and employee performance and development. He is excited to be serving Team PUSD in this new role.



Anton Lötter: Director, Transportation

Mr. Lötter has served as PUSD's Assistant Director of Transportation since 2018, and he is excited to continue the legacy of PUSD's Transportation Department being one of the best in the State. Prior to coming to PUSD, Mr. Lötter spent eight years with the Kern High School District, as the Assistant Director of Operations, Operations Supervisor, Lead Driver, and Bus Driver. He is passionate about ensuring the consistent, safe, and timely delivery of PUSD students to home, school, and activity trips.



Joseph Vaughn: Director, Food & Nutrition

Mr. Vaughn brings decades of K-12 Food Service experience to PUSD, following his time as Director of Food Service for both Paso Robles Joint Unified School District as well as Los Angeles Unified School District. He also served in similar roles in Cleveland, Ohio as well as Huntsville City and Jackson County Schools in Alabama. He is excited to be leading PUSD's Food & Nutrition Department, to ensure students are receiving proper nutrition to maximize their learning potential.

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