

### **New Principals, Managers Named**

Over the last several weeks, AUSD has hired several people to replace principals and managers who are retiring or for other reasons leaving our district at the end of this year.

**Kai Dwyer**, who is currently a Dean of Student Support at Alameda High School, will replace Wood Middle School Principal Cammie Harris. Prior to her AHS position, she worked as a school counselor at Wood Middle School. Her work is guided by a commitment to emotional intelligence, cultural competency, and instructional best practices. Before joining AUSD, she worked for the Department of Social Services, the Center for Non-Profit Advancement, and the Center for Inspired Teaching - all in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Dwyer holds an MS in School Counseling from San Francisco State University and an MJ in African American Studies from Temple University. She earned her BA in Television Production from Howard University.

**Carolyn Berg** will replace Maya Lin Principal Judy Goodwin. For the last four years, Ms. Berg has served as a Vice Principal at Berkeley High School. There she oversaw both the Berkeley International High School and the Arts Department. She has a strong background in inclusive practices, arts in schools, and student support systems. Prior to work in Berkeley Unified, she worked as an administrator, literacy coach, and special education teacher in Oakland and New York City.

Ms. Berg received her BA in Education Studies from Brown University, a Masters in International Education Policy from Harvard University, a MA in Special Education from Long Island University and an MA in Educational Leadership from University of California, Berkeley.

Also this summer, **Dr. Randhir Bains** will join us as the Senior Director of Special Education, replacing our current Director of Special Education Pam Kazez, who is retiring. Dr. Bains comes most recently from Los Angeles Unified School District, where he administered special education for The Accelerated Schools. Prior to that, he worked for more than 20 years as a special education administrator in Ripon Unified School District, Redwood Unified School District, and Delphi Unified School District. Dr. Bains received his Ed.D. from University of the Pacific, his MA in Psychology from Fresno Pacific University, and his BA in Psychology from CSU, Fresno.

We are also delighted to announce that Timothy Zolezzi - who has spent the last 12 years teaching sociology and history and coordinating professional development at Berkeley High School - will join Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School as the new Dean. Mr. Zolezzi received his MA in Education from the Principal Leadership institute at UC Berkeley and a BA in Sociology from Sonoma State University.

In other management transition news: Julie Venuto, currently a mentor for special education teachers here in AUSD, will become a Special Education Coordinator. Ms. Venuto has worked as a teacher, instructional coach, and professional development provider. She earned her BA at St. Mary's College

and her Master's Degree at SF State University, where she has also served as adjunct faculty in the Special Education Department.

Finally, Chandini Stanley will become a Program Manager in the Special Education Department. Ms. Stanley has worked as a mentor to special education teachers, as well as a resource teacher, special day class teacher, literacy and reading interventionist, and English Language Learner teacher. She earned her Masters degree in Special Education from Santa Clara University and her administrative credential from Cal State East Bay.

"We are sorry to see some of our most talented administrators leave the district," says Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi, "and we are deeply grateful for their innovation, their insight, and their role in supporting and educating so many students and families through the years. We are excited, however, that we have found new principals to step into these positions who will bring talents, perspectives, and insights of their own. We welcome them to their new roles."