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Board of Education Approves New Principal for Edison Elementary School

Alameda, California – September 14, 2018 – At its public meeting last night, the Board of Education approved a new principal for Edison Elementary School: Gregory Sahakian.

Mr. Sahakian has spent more than 25 years as a teacher and principal in San Lorenzo Unified School District. Most recently he served as the principal of Lorenzo Manor School there.

He received his BA in Sociology from UC Santa Barbara and his teaching credential from San Francisco State University. He earned both his MA in Educational Leadership and his administrative credential at CSU East Bay.

"I am excited to join the Edison School community, as well as AUSD," he says. "I have heard many great things about the district as a whole and about Edison in particular, including the hard working staff, the strong parent involvement, and of course the wonderful students!

"I look forward to planning several opportunities for meeting with staff, parents, and students in the near future," he continues, "in order to become more familiar with the school culture and traditions. My hope is to continue to build on the strengths that the school already has in providing a rich learning environment for our students and their families."

Mr. Sahakian lives in Oakland with his wife and his 7- and 9-year-old children. He enjoys hiking and camping, and he tries to stay as active as possible by biking, coaching soccer, and letting his kids chase him around the house. He also is regular volunteer in his children's school. "I understand the importance of parent involvement in building a strong school community," he says.

One of his favorite quotes comes from President Barack Obama: "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."