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LOS LUNAS SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERINTENDENT



LOS LUNAS, NM –The Los Lunas Schools Board of Education announced this week Dr. Ryan Kettler as the new Superintendent of Los Lunas Schools.

After a comprehensive superintendent search, which included stakeholder meetings with administrators, teachers/staff, parents and community members, LLS Board President Tina Garcia believes Dr. Kettler will move the district forward to achieve the mission, vision and goals for our students.

“We had very qualified finalists and are thankful for their interest in Los Lunas Schools. The board worked diligently to make the best decision for our kids and the community,” says Garcia. “I am very happy with our selection and I look forward to the future of Los Lunas Schools.”

Serving New Mexico students for over 20 years, Dr. Kettler is an educator and administrator who brings a wealth of experience to LLS. He began his career in education as a high school teacher and basketball coach, eventually moving to administration as an Athletic Director at Albuquerque Public Schools, middle and high school Assistant Principal at both APS and RRPS and Vice Principal at RRHS before taking over as Principal in 2020.

Dr. Sue Cleveland, the Rio Rancho Public Schools Superintendent says LLS is in great hands.

“We thank Dr. Kettler for his service both at Cleveland and Rio Rancho High Schools,” says Dr. Cleveland. “We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

Dr. Kettler received a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, TX. He went on to earn his Masters of Science degree in Kinesiology from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in Sports Administration. Since completing his Ph.D., Dr. Kettler has completed two Aspiring Superintendent Programs, one in New Mexico through the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders and one nationally through the School Superintendents Association.

Dr. Kettler is currently an adjunct professor at the University of the Southwest. His primary areas of interest include School Leadership, Organizational Culture, Sport Leadership, Organizational Theory in Sports, Ethics in Sports, and Risk Management. His professional memberships include the School Superintendents Association (AASA), the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASP), the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), and the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM).

Dr. Kettler says it is an honor to be selected as the next Los Lunas Schools Superintendent.

“I look forward to working with the LLS School Board, LLS staff, and the community to continue moving LLS forward,” states Dr. Kettler. “Los Lunas is an amazing community, and I am excited to build strong relationships leading to strong partnerships that benefit our students.”

Dr. Kettler replaces Interim Superintendent Dr. Deborah Elder, who will retain her position as Chief Academic Officer at Los Lunas Schools.

“I know the LLS staff and community will join me in welcoming Dr. Kettler to our amazing district. He is a proven and ethical educational leader who brings a commitment to support, and expect, every student to achieve high standards,” says Dr. Elder. “I am excited to be a part of his team and am confident that he will accelerate the work of raising the bar in LLS.”

Dr. Kettler’s wife, Jessica, is also a school administrator. She is currently a pre-school Principal with Bernalillo Public Schools. Dr. Kettler and his wife have two children, a sophomore at the University of New Mexico and a junior at Rio Rancho High School.

Please join the LLS Board of Education in welcoming Dr. Ryan Kettler as the new superintendent of Los Lunas Schools.

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