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New Principals Hired for College View & Westmont

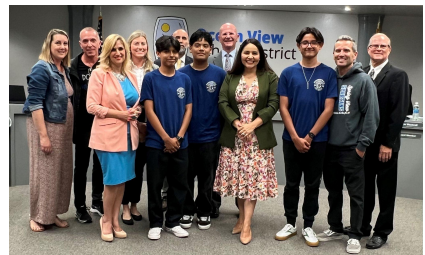
Mr. Allen Mendrin has been named the Principal of College View Elementary School, effective August 3, 2023. Mr. Mendrin will take over for Elaine Burney, who has been promoted to Coordinator of Teaching and Learning. Mr. Mendrin currently serves as a middle school assistant principal in Los Alamitos Unified School District. He has also served as an administrator and guidance learning counselor, middle school science teacher, and kindergarten teacher. Mr. Mendrin holds a Master in Educational Administration from National University, and a Bachelor of Science from California State University-Fresno. Welcome Mr. Mendrin!



Ms. Diana Bianco has been named the Principal of Westmont Elementary School, effective August 3, 2023. Ms. Bianco will take over for Sharon Ahlman, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Ms. Bianco currently serves as a program interventionist in Brea Olinda Unified School District. Her educational experience also includes elementary principal, assistant principal, and teacher. Ms. Bianco holds a Master of Education from University of La Verne and a Bachelor of Arts from California State University-Long Beach. Welcome Ms. Bianco!

Spring View Student Presentation

Spring View Principal Isis Ortiz shared that the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program is thriving and their first AVID Family Night, held earlier this month, was a big success! Spring View students Daniel, Angel, and Jason expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Conroy for upgrading the technology they use to produce the school's weekly Spartan News videos. The students are members of the Bridges Leadership class, led by teacher Scott Vanatta. The class produced a fun and humorous video that was watched by the Board and audience that showcased how they are using their upgraded technology.



Volunteer Recognition

Superintendent Dr. Conroy and Board President Patricia Singer led a special recognition ceremony for school volunteers. The volunteers were honored for the outstanding work they do throughout the year on behalf of the District's preschool through 8th grade students. Each volunteer was presented with a gift and a certificate of recognition. The honorees are:

Circle View: Tiffanie Genarro
College View: Carinn Mercer
Golden View: Jeff Nicholson
Harbour View: Jennifer Rank
Hope View: Jessica Labrenz

Lake View: Denise Cornelsene
Marine View: Tonia Castillo
Mesa View: Terri Kasravi
Oak View Preschool: Jocelyn Nelson
Oak View: Jesse Amezola

Spring View: Staci Sarkisian
Star View: Jenny Van
Village View: Melody Gekas
Vista View: Maribel Fernandez
Westmont: Tasha Nasserara



Governor's May Revise Budget Update

Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services and Chief Business Official (CBO), provided a budget update following the Governor's May Budget Revision. The Governor's Budget has reductions in one-time funding for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant and Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant. A significant budgetary challenge facing the state is the unknown revenue impact as a result of personal income taxes not being collected until October. A draft of OVSD's Proposed Budget for 2023-24 will be presented for information at the June 6th Board Meeting. See the Governor's May Revise Budget presentation [here](#).

Certificated Staffing 2023-24

Reagan Headrick, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided the Board with an update on Certificated staffing for the 2023-24 school year. She discussed timelines, contract language, enrollment, and staffing ratios. Ms. Headrick stated that the District is overstaffed. She also illustrated how low school enrollment creates fewer classes at each grade level, which, in turn, increases staffing challenges as schools strive to meet contract obligations for 27 students to 1 teacher (27:1) for grades K-3 and 32:1 for grades 4-8. See the Certificated Staffing presentation [here](#).

Discretionary Block Grant & Prop 28

Dr. Julianne Hoefer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided the Board with an update on the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant and Proposition 28: Arts and Music Schools. The Discretionary Block Grant provides **District** funds for professional development, instructional materials, improving school culture, developing relevant book collections, and other operational expenses. Proposition 28 provides **school** funds for supplemental arts and music education in all TK-12 schools. It stipulates that 80% of the funding must be spent on certificated and classified staff and 20% on training and supplies. Dr. Hoefer asked for Board input regarding how to spend the funding, and will bring a draft plan for review and approval at a future meeting. See the Discretionary Block Grant & Proposition 28 presentation [here](#).

Next Board Meeting is June 6, 2023