



San José
Unified
School District

GARDNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

June 28, 2024

Dear Gardner Elementary School Community,

San José Unified School District is proud to announce Renee Rice's appointment as the new Principal of Gardner Elementary School, effective July 1, 2024.

Administrative Services

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Ms. Rice is an Assistant Principal within the San José Unified School District at Gunderson High School, overseeing school culture and climate, wellness, discipline, and the Special Education Department. Prior to her current role, Ms. Rice served as San Lorenzo Valley High School's Dean of Students, focusing on school safety, school culture, and restorative practices. She also served as department chair and teacher for the Social Studies Department at Alisal High School in Salinas Union High School District for nearly a decade. Ms. Rice holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from San José State University, a Master's Degree in Teaching in Urban Education from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Global Studies from California State University Monterey Bay. As an experienced educator with a background in administrative roles, she is prepared to serve the community as Principal.

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Ms. Rice is eager to work collaboratively with the Gardner staff and community to prepare today's students to be the thinkers, leaders, and creators of tomorrow. Please join us in congratulating Renee Rice as your new Principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Dominic Bejarano', is written over a printed name.

J. Dominic Bejarano

Assistant Superintendent