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Dear SUSD Learning Community,

We are very pleased to announce that Christopher Hazelton will be joining the Saratoga Union School District (SUSD) team as the new incoming Vice Principal at Redwood Middle School starting the 2026-2027 school year. The SUSD Board of Trustees unanimously approved his appointment at last night's Board of Trustees Meeting.

Chris brings over 12 years of teaching experience, most recently in 6th Grade English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Math in Los Altos School District. Prior to that, he taught 3rd Grade. He began his career in education as a Special Education Paraeducator. Christopher earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree from UCLA and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership with a Concentration in Emancipatory K12 School Leadership from San Jose State University.

As a third-generation educator, Chris strives to create deeper learning experiences for students, close achievement gaps, and focus on equity for all students. Primary goals when planning instruction are to maintain high rigor, develop student agency, and make learning accessible to all students. To meet diverse student needs and eliminate barriers to learning, he works closely with Special Education teachers and uses Universal Design for Learning (UDL) practices. Christopher also brings experience in behavior management, restorative justice for conflict resolution, and teacher mentoring.

Said Chris, "I am thrilled to be joining the staff at Redwood Middle School. I am looking forward to meeting the students, their families, and the staff. I hope to listen and learn as much as possible as I transition from being a 6th Grade Teacher to Vice Principal." During non-work hours, Chris enjoys reading, cooking, working in the garden, and walking his dog, Livy. This summer, he plans to travel to Japan with his husband, Brian.

Over 50 candidates applied, 6 of the most qualified candidates were selected to interview. The interview panel included administrators, teachers, and support staff. Following the interviews, the panel narrowed down their final recommendation to two top applicants. Superintendent Ken Geisick and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Moira Barker met with each finalist to determine the best fit for the Redwood community. Dr. Geisick stated, "Mr. Hazelton's thoughtfulness, depth of knowledge in classroom instruction, and his energy and enthusiasm made him the clear choice to become the newest member to join the SUSD Leadership Team."

Vice Principal Hazelton will join SUSD effective July 1, 2026. He will convene with the district's Leadership Team at their annual summer planning retreat prior to the new school year. We look forward to introducing Christopher Hazelton to the Redwood students and staff!

Ken Geisick, Superintendent
Moira Barker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Kym Imai, Director of Human Resources

Introducing new Redwood Vice Principal Christopher Hazelton

Chris looks forward to meeting the RMS students, parents, and staff in the coming weeks!

