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Press Release

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Rosemead School District Announces Retirement of Dr. Maria C. Rios After Nearly Four Decades of Distinguished Service

Rosemead, California: The Rosemead School District announced today that Dr. Maria C. Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, will be retiring after nearly 40 years of dedicated service to students, families, and school communities.

Dr. Rios began her remarkable career in education in 1987 as a bilingual instructional aide, launching a lifelong commitment to student achievement and educational equity. Over the years, she steadily advanced through a variety of impactful roles, including bilingual classroom teacher, Title I resource teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Director of Student Achievement in the Baldwin Park Unified School District. Since 2021, she has served as Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services for the Rosemead School District, where she has overseen critical district operations with excellence and integrity.

In her current role, Dr. Rios has provided leadership across business services, human resources, facilities, and risk management. She has been instrumental in guiding the district's fiscal planning, overseeing budgeting and financial reporting, and ensuring the effective management of operations, including maintenance and operations, nutrition & wellness, and facilities development. Her leadership has supported safe, efficient, and student-centered learning environments across the district. Under her leadership, the district has seen the continued beautification of Rosemead schools through its bond and maintenance programs.

Her contributions to education have been widely recognized, including being named ACSA District Administrator of the Year in 2018 and Teacher of the Year in 2007. She also completed the FCMAT Chief Business Official Program in 2023, further strengthening her expertise in school business and fiscal leadership.

"After four years of dedicated service at the Rosemead School District, Dr. Maria Rios has announced her retirement. Throughout her tenure at the Rosemead School District, she has been instrumental in advancing academic excellence, supporting schools, and fostering a collaborative culture among staff and the community. She is leaving a lasting and meaningful impact across the District," said Ms. Nancy Armenta, Board President.

"Dr. Rios has dedicated her career to serving students and supporting school communities with compassion, vision, and excellence," said Dr. Philip D'Agostino, Superintendent of Rosemead School District. "I am beyond grateful for the time we spent together leading the Rosemead School District."

As she enters retirement, Dr. Rios leaves behind a legacy defined by her unwavering commitment to students, her collaborative leadership style, and her ability to lead complex systems with both heart and expertise. The Rosemead School District extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. Maria C. Rios for her years of service and wishes her all the best in a well-earned and fulfilling retirement.

The Rosemead School District will begin hiring for this vacancy, with the goal of seating Dr. Rios' replacement by July 1, 2026.

ABOUT THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Rosemead School District (RSD) serves students who reside in Rosemead, as well as portions of El Monte, San Gabriel, and Temple City. RSD serves 2,431 students in four PK-6 elementary schools (Encinita, Mildred B. Janson, Savannah, and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools) and one 7-8 middle school (Muscatel Middle School). We are proud partners with the City of Rosemead and deeply value our responsibility to serve our community and its children.

For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. For more information about school educational programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900, extension 213.

To learn more about the Mandarin Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program at Encinita Elementary School, visit https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/domain/321. We encourage everyone to follow the Rosemead School District through the free Rosemead Mobile App and download it today (for instructions, visit https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us). Stay informed about the great things happening at the Rosemead School District via Twitter @CommunicateRSD and Instagram @rosemead_schooldistrict.

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