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Special Education Newsletter

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We are excited to welcome families to a new school year! We are looking forward to another year of partnership with our families. Here are some of the exciting updates happening across Special Education at NLMUSD!

MEET OUR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR TEAM

We have a wonderful team of Program Administrators who support Special Education programs across the District and are excited to welcome four new Program Administrators to NLMUSD this year!



LISA PRADO

- Foster Road ES
- Nuffer ES
- Ramona
- Sanchez ES



MONICA GARCIA

- Dolland ES
- Edmondson ES
- Glazier ES
- Johnston ES
- Lampton ES
- Moffitt ES
- Morrison ES



AVRA WARSOFSKY

- Dulles ES
- Eastwood ES
- Escalona ES
- Gardenhill ES
- La Pluma ES
- New River ES



BERNICE ERAZO

- Benton MS
- Corvallis MS
- Hutchinson MS
- Los Alisos MS
- Waite MS



KRISTA WRAY

- El Camino HS
- Glenn/SEA HS
- La Mirada HS
- Norwalk HS





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MEET OUR NEW AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC) SPECIALIST



We're excited to welcome Melody Ferras into her new role as our AAC Specialist! Already a valued member of the NLMUSD team, Melody brings a wealth of AAC knowledge and experience. She will support school-site teams in implementing best practices and strengthening communication supports for students who use AAC.



MEET OUR NEW BEHAVIOR SPECIALISTS



We are excited to announce that we have added four new Behavior Specialist positions, bringing our District team to eight! They are working directly with school sites to provide support for students and staff, strengthen behavioral practices, and help teams respond to student needs.





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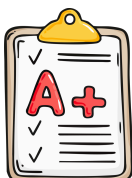


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MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (TOSA)



We've added four new TOSA positions to support our Special Education teams! Our TOSAs provide coaching, professional learning, compliance support, and resources for both new and experienced educators to help ensure high-quality services for students.



PARENT WORKSHOPS TOPICS — WE WANT YOUR INPUT!



[Link](https://forms.gle/Jg7TL3nAnGPp3Gtf8)



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We are planning parent workshops throughout the school year and want to hear from you! What topics would you like to learn more about? Complete our Parent Workshop Survey by scanning the QR code.



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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)



The CAC brings together parents, educators, and community members to share ideas and provide input on Special Education services and supports. Join us at an upcoming CAC meeting!



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE:



www.nlmusd.org/departments/student-support-services/special-education

COFFEE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS



Your voice matters!
Join us for opportunities to connect with Special Education leadership, ask questions, share experiences, and provide feedback. Six opportunities will be offered throughout the school year.



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