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Bonduris to succeed Ed Diolazo as he assumes the role of Superintendent on January 1, 2027

PLEASANTON, Calif. — At its November 12 meeting, the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Jessica Bonduris as the District's next Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, effective January 1, 2027. Bonduris will succeed current Deputy Superintendent Ed Diolazo in leading Educational Services as he assumes the role of Superintendent.



Bonduris brings more than 20 years of experience in public education, with a strong background in instructional leadership, student support services, and district administration. She currently serves as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Previously, she held educational leadership positions with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, including Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Associate Superintendent. "Dr. Bonduris brings a wealth of experience in educational leadership, along with a collaborative approach and a strong commitment to student success," said Superintendent Dr. Maurice Ghysels. "Her background in instructional improvement, student services, and organizational leadership will help us continue strengthening our educational programs and advancing student achievement."

Incoming Superintendent Ed Diolazo also welcomed the appointment. "I am excited to welcome Dr. Bonduris to PUSD and look forward to working alongside her as we begin this next chapter of leadership for our District," said Diolazo. "Her depth of experience, collaborative leadership style, and commitment to students and staff will be tremendous assets to our Educational Services team and the broader PUSD community."

Throughout her career, Bonduris has served as a teacher and held TK–12 principal positions, as well as administrative roles at the district and county office levels. Her experience spans curriculum and instruction, special education, alternative education, professional learning, and the development of systems that support student success.

Bonduris has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and English from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Saint Mary's University in Minnesota; and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Mills College in Oakland.

"I am truly honored and excited to join the Pleasanton Unified community," Bonduris said. "There is already so much great work happening across the district, and I look forward to listening, learning, and building upon that strong foundation alongside the talented educators, staff, families, and community members who make Pleasanton such a special place."

As Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Bonduris will oversee the District's educational programs and services, supporting PUSD's continued focus on high-quality instruction, student achievement, and educational opportunities for all students.

About Pleasanton Unified School District

Pleasanton Unified School District serves approximately 12,500 students across 16 schools and is consistently recognized for its academic excellence and high-quality educational programs. For more information, visit www.pleasantonusd.net.