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Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Welcomes New Principals and Administrative Staff

Paso Robles, CA – 7/26/24 – The Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) is pleased to announce the appointment of several new principals and administrative staff members for the upcoming school year. These talented professionals bring a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to fostering a supportive and dynamic educational environment for our students.

New Appointments:

Emma Barker-Connoy – Principal, Pat Butler Elementary School

Ms. Barker-Connoy has been an educator and administrator in both Compton and Orange County. Emma brings experience in instructional leadership as a K-8 School Principal in Compton, then in Orange County, over the past seven years. Emma's school received two California Education Awards, both in 2022 and 2023.

Cristina Velasco – Principal, Georgia Brown

The staff and students at Georgia Brown know Ms. Velasco well and are excited to welcome her as the new principal. She was previously the Guidance Specialist and will continue her work as the school leader as the school transitions to a K-8 and a new campus.

Daniela Topjian – Guidance Specialist, Georgia Brown Elementary

Ms. Topjian has moved from her Student Engagement Specialist position at Virginia Peterson to Georgia Brown. She is ready to continue her work with the students and staff on her new campus and support them as they transition to the new school site.

Christy Holman – Student Engagement Specialist, Pat Butler, and Kermit King Elementary

Since 2013, Christy has been an integral part of PRJUSD as a well-respected leader among her peers and is known for her commitment to optimizing student success. She is excited to embrace her new role and continue making a positive impact as a devoted elementary educator.

Amy Bowen – Student Engagement Specialist, Virginia Peterson Elementary School

With over 16 years of experience in education, Ms Bowen brings a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record of success in student engagement and academic initiatives. Ms. Bowen is eager to contribute to the success of Virginia Peterson and make a lasting impact on student lives.



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"We are excited to welcome these outstanding educators to our PRJUSD family," said Jennifer Loftus, Superintendent of PRJUSD. "Their dedication to student success and innovative approaches to education will be invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in all of our schools."

The new principals and administrative staff members will assume their roles on August 1, 2024, and they are eager to meet and collaborate with students, parents, teachers, and the broader Paso Robles community.

About Paso Robles Joint Unified School District:

The Paso Robles Joint Unified School District is committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in college, career, and life. With a focus on academic excellence, innovative programs, and a supportive community, PRJUSD serves the educational needs of over 6,000 students across 10 schools.

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