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Isaac Burgess IV Appointed New Samohi House Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Isaac Burgess IV as a new Santa Monica High School house principal at its August 9, 2017 regular board meeting.

Burgess comes to SMMUSD from Morningside High School in the Inglewood Unified School District where he served as principal since January 2016.

Burgess has lead the 900-student high school toward improved student achievement and equity through team building and professional development. He has sound knowledge of research-based high impact strategies to increase learning outcomes and the ability to create innovative staff development with curriculum programs that improve teacher, student and overall school performance.



Prior to moving to California, Burgess served in the Marion County Public Schools in Florida since 1997, where he began as a teacher and ascended to assistant principal of students services, assistant principal of curriculum and instruction, then principal of elementary, middle and high schools within the district.

“It’s a great pleasure and honor to be afforded the opportunity to serve our school community in ensuring that all students have the necessary resources and supports to excel as 21st century learners,” said Burgess. “Thus, I am eager to join and contribute to the Santa Monica High School collaborative culture of committed parents, teachers, students, administration, and staff to ensure continuous success for all students as we prepare them for college or career readiness.”

Burgess earned a Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, from Florida A & M University and a Master of Science in educational leadership from Nova Southwestern University in Florida.

He is a United States Army veteran, with an honorable discharge, and a member of the California Association of School Administrators.

“Mr. Burgess brings 20 years of education excellence to SMMUSD and will be a strong addition to the Samohi leadership team,” said Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati. “We congratulate him on his new position.”

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