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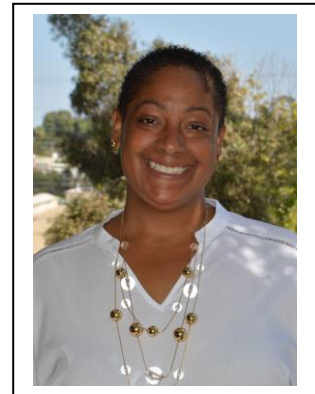
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**Cynthia McGregor Named Assistant Principal  
of Franklin Elementary School**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has announced the promotion of Cynthia McGregor to assistant principal of Franklin Elementary School. The SMMUSD Board of Education approved the appointment at the August 9, 2017 regular board meeting.

McGregory has been the lead and education specialist at the SMMUSD Off Campus Learning Center (OCLC) located at Olympic High School since 2008.

While at OCLC McGregor's responsibilities included developing and leading the district's alternative program designed for the most at-risk middle and high school students. She supervised all daily functions of the program, and coached, mentored and supported new and seasoned teachers through the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program in the district.



McGregory has been in the teaching profession in Los Angeles since 1998, having worked at the Linden Center Non-Public School in various teaching and administrative positions including Individualized Education Plan (IEP) coordinator, site coordinator, resource specialist program teacher and special education teacher, prior to joining SMMUSD.

"Words cannot express how honored and excited I am to meet and work with the dynamic students, families, and staff at Franklin Elementary School," said McGregor. "I look forward to advancing our mission of inspiring and equipping every student with all of the skills necessary to become life-long learners and positive contributors in society. This amazing transition is also very emotional as I will truly miss my school family at the Off Campus Learning Center (OCLC) and Olympic High School. You have impacted my life more than you'll ever know and I am forever grateful."

McGregory earned her Bachelor of Arts in law and society and Black studies, a double major, from University of California, Santa Barbara; a Master of Science in education with a concentration in special education from Mount St. Mary's College and a Master of Arts in educational administration with distinction, from Cal State Northridge.

McGregory is a member of the City of Santa Monica Youth Resource Team and serves on a task force with the local Police Activities League. She received the Outstanding Young Teacher award from the Santa Monica Jaycees in February 2015.

McGregory replaces Dr. Ashley Benjamin who was appointed principal at McKinley Elementary School last month.

“Ms. McGregor has done an excellent job in her current role in the district and will be a strong addition to our site administration team,” said Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati. “We congratulate her on her new position.”

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