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SMMUSD Announces New Webster Elementary School Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Patrick Miller as the new principal of Webster Elementary School in Malibu, at its regular July 19, 2017 meeting. His appointment is effective immediately.

Miller has been the assistant principal at Malibu High School since June 2015, where he was responsible for the middle school program including activities, scheduling, social-emotional programs, special education, school to home communications, implementation of the Olweus bullying prevention program, discipline and served as the test coordinator and school liaison for the MHS modernization project.



“I am thrilled for the opportunity to continue serving the SMMUSD and Malibu communities in this new role,” Miller said. “Webster is a fantastic, high performing school that does a tremendous job of supporting, nurturing and challenging each student. I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and families at Webster. I will work very hard to continue the tradition of fostering the safe, welcoming, positive school climate to ensure that all students continue to be happy and successful.”

Miller was previously a Spanish teacher at Malibu High School starting in 2007, and later became the world languages department chair, an administrative intern, school site council member, literacy team leader and district instructional leadership team member, before leaving the district for two years to serve as assistant principal of A.E. Wright Middle School in Calabasas. He returned to MHS as assistant principal in 2015. Miller began his career teaching Spanish in the Newberg School District and Dayton School District.

Miller earned his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Linfield College in Oregon and his Master of Arts in educational administration from Cal State University, Northridge. He has a diploma in Hispanic studies from the University of Granada, Spain.

Miller received an Honorary Service Award from MHS PTSA in 2017 and was previously awarded an Honorary Service Award from Malibu High School PTSA in 2012. He was also recognized with the “Staff Star Award” from the Malibu High Faculty Advisory Committee in 2016, 2015 and 2013 and received an outstanding teacher recognition from Malibu Middle School in 2013. He previously coached basketball and golf at Malibu High School. Miller has served on multiple validation teams for the California Gold Ribbon Awards and coaches PONY baseball with his identical twin brother, coaching his twin nephews.

“I reflect back on the last ten years and the hundreds of students I had the privilege of teaching at Malibu High School as “Maestro” and “Coach” and the hundreds more as assistant principal, and believe that MHS students and staff are incredible!” Miller said. “As I move on to a new adventure and challenge, I continue to believe that Malibu High is an excellent school and I know that Dr. Nye and the dedicated staff will continue to keep MHS moving forward in a positive direction.”

“Patrick has done an excellent job in his current leadership role at MHS and will be a strong and supportive leader at Webster,” Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. “We congratulate him on his new position.”

Miller replaces Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell, who was principal at Webster for four years. Dr. Samarge-Powell was promoted to the position of director of early learning for SMMUSD, announced in April, effective July 1, 2017.

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