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### **SMMUSD Announces New Director of Food Services**

The SMMUSD Board of Education approved the appointment of Richard Marchini Jr. as the new director of food services at its December 14, 2017 regular meeting.

Marchini brings 11 years of food services experience to this position from similar agencies in New York and California. He served most recently as the director of auxiliary services for the Garvey Elementary School District in Rosemead California since 2011.

At Garvey, Marchini developed student menus and handled food purchasing needs that met the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program requirements. He also established and maintained safety and sanitation standards for food service operations and products.



Prior to Garvey Elementary School District, Marchini served as the school food services manager for the New York City Department of Education, office of school food and nutrition services.

“I am very excited and honored for the opportunity to serve the Santa Monica and Malibu communities in this role,” Marchini said. “I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and families in our communities. As a former chef I look forward to bringing expertise to SMMUSD.”

He holds a Bachelor of Science in professional studies in hospitality management from the New York Institute of Technology and an associate’s degree in culinary arts.

“Mr. Marchini will be a valuable addition to our district team,” Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. “We are looking forward to his expertise and ideas to enhance our food and nutrition services program.”

Marchini’s appointment began on Jan. 3, 2018. He replaces Liz Powell, who took a similar position at a school district closer to her residence.

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