



August 25, 2022

Superintendent's Message: New Webster Principal

Dear Webster parents, guardians and staff,

The SMMUSD Board of Education will be presented with the opportunity to consider Mr. Tedd Wakeman as the new Webster Principal, at their regular meeting scheduled for Sept. 1, 2022.

The process includes discussion during closed session, followed by my recommendation during public session. At that time the school board will vote in public.

With board approval pending, we would like to share a bit about Mr. Wakeman.



Mr. Wakeman is the co-founder and co-director of The Sycamore School in Malibu since it opened in 2014. In his role at Sycamore, he implemented a new vision of 21st-century thinking and learning, designed curriculum and inspired students to be curious, creative and critical thinkers.

In his more than 25 years of educational experience, Mr. Wakeman has served as a mentor teacher in LAUSD; English as a second language educator in Maldives; facilitator, learner and coach to Indonesian teens studying remotely through a Queensland University, Australia program; educator for a downtown Los Angeles charter school, and as a lead educator for a private school in Costa Rica. Prior to founding The Sycamore School, he served as a founder, co-director, educator and curriculum designer for The PlayMaker School @ New Roads in Santa Monica.

Mr. Wakeman holds a bachelor's degree in child development and a master's degree in educational administration and leadership.

He has delivered keynotes, spoken on panels and presented at numerous conferences. He is an advisory board member for Galileo Innovation Camps, Southern California region; and for Cerritos College for the Educational Technology Department.

Mr. Wakeman, pending approval, brings characteristics to Webster that were top priorities for parents and staff. We will follow up with you on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, following the outcome of the school board's consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent