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Christian Fuhrer Appointed Grant Elementary School Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Christian Fuhrer as the new Grant Elementary School principal at its June 28, 2018, regular board meeting.

Fuhrer joins SMMUSD from Beverly Hills Unified School District, where he has served as a technology and media arts teacher, assistant principal and principal. As principal for the past four years, he led a K-8 school with 760 students and 80 staff members.

His position with SMMUSD is effective July 1, 2018.

"It is an honor to join the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Schools team!" Fuhrer said. "I look forward to the coming school year and to working collaboratively with the entire Grant Elementary School community in providing our students with a high-quality and enriching educational experience. I am excited to meet the students and am proud to be a new Gecko!"

Fuhrer's work has included leading efforts to improve campus safety, introduce new technologies into the classrooms, the implementation of Restorative Justice practices, codeveloped the annual district science fair, developed a community garden, and introduced an annual run for success and health fair.

He was named the Beverly Hills Unified Administrator of the Year in 2015-16.

Mr. Fuhrer earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Film and Television Production from Cal State University, Fullerton and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Cal State University, Northridge.

"On behalf of myself and the board of education, I would like to congratulate Mr. Fuhrer on his new position. I believe he will be a great addition to our leadership team," remarked Superintendent Drati.