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**Cynthia McGregory Named Principal
of Franklin Elementary School**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has announced the promotion of Cynthia McGregory to principal of Franklin Elementary School. The SMMUSD Board of Education approved the appointment at the June 27, 2019 regular board meeting.

McGregory has served as the assistant principal at Franklin since August 2017. Previously, she was the lead and education specialist at the SMMUSD Off Campus Learning Center (OCLC) located at Olympic High School since 2008.



As assistant principal at Franklin, McGregory was involved with: assisting the principal in maintaining a student-focused educational environment that supports growth and learning on a daily basis; establishing and maintaining lasting rapport with staff, students, and parents; handling school discipline and attendance; hiring, evaluating and mentoring teachers and classified staff member; promoting professional development experiences and learning communities to further teacher growth and expertise; special education and behavioral programs; data analysis, testing and assessments and involvement with school-related community meetings and events.

McGregory has been in the teaching profession since 1997, having worked at the Linden Center Non-Public School in various teaching and administrative positions including Independent Education Plan (IEP) coordinator, site coordinator, resource specialist program teacher and special education teacher, prior to joining SMMUSD.

“I am beyond ecstatic and honored to be the next principal of Franklin Elementary,” McGregory said. “As I shift leadership gears from assistant principal to principal, I humbly accept the charge of maintaining a secure and comforting school environment where creativity, critical thinking, and academic excellence are fostered on a daily basis. I truly look forward to continuing our work of inspiring and equipping every Franklin student with all of the necessary skills for them to become visionaries who are life-long learners and positive contributors in society.”

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.

She received the Outstanding Young Teacher award from the Santa Monica Jaycees in February 2015.

McGregory replaces Deanna Sinfield who was appointed director of special education for SMMUSD.

"Ms. McGregor has done an excellent job in her current role at Franklin Elementary School, building relationships and focused on site and district goals," said Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati. "We congratulate her on her new position."

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