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Poway Unified Welcomes New Principals at Five Schools

The Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce new principals at five of its schools. District leadership has been very busy over the summer filling these positions in order to ensure a smooth opening of the 2017-18 school year. Congratulations to our colleagues who have left PUSD for other positions and retirements. All five principals were approved by the Board of Education on August 10, 2017.



Scott Corso, Black Mountain Middle School Principal

Mr. Corso comes to PUSD from Temecula Valley High School where he has been an Assistant Principal for the past two years. His prior educational experience includes six years as a teacher at the middle school level and sixteen at the high school level in Temecula and Calabasas school districts. In addition, Mr. Corso has been a master teacher, team teacher, athletic director, and director of student activities.



Ms. Jill Halsey, Canyon View Elementary School Principal

Ms. Halsey comes to Canyon View from Bernardo Heights Middle School, where she served as the Assistant Principal for the past three years. There she focused on supporting a positive school culture and created several successful student and parent programs. Her prior educational experience includes four years as an elementary school teacher and curriculum coach, as well as two years as an instructional coach in Chula Vista.



**Mr. Eric Takeshita, Del Sur Elementary School
Principal**

Mr. Takeshita is joining Poway Unified School District with 24 years of experience in the San Diego Unified School District. His experience includes elementary teacher, vice principal, and principal. He served as Principal at Willard B. Hage Elementary School for the last 8 years. Although Mr. Takeshita is new to PUSD, his wife has been a teacher in PUSD for many years and both his children are students in our district.



**Ms. Lisa Wilken, Sunset Hills Elementary School
Principal**

Ms. Wilken has been an Assistant Principal in Poway Unified School District for the past three years, first at Chaparral Elementary, then at Del Sur Elementary, where she led her schools' efforts to implement Response to Instruction (RTI) and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). Prior to that she taught in first through sixth grade classrooms in Del Mar and Calabasas school districts for 16 years.



Ms. Tina Ziegler, Westview High School Principal

Ms. Ziegler has been an educator in Poway Unified School District for twenty five years. She has served in many roles including Resource Specialist, Program Specialist and Assistant Principal at Westview High School. She returns to Westview High after serving as principal at Sunset Hills Elementary School for the past seven years. Ms. Ziegler has been part of the Language Arts District Leadership Team and led Sunset Hills to become a No Excuses University school.

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