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New Principal Named to Lead Poway High School



The Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce new leadership at Poway High School. Mr. Richard Nash was approved as the new principal by the Board of Education on August 9, 2018.

“I am dedicated to bringing success, growth, and positive change to Poway High School. I look forward to pouring my support into the many successful academic, career pathways, and performing arts programs, as well as fostering the every day potential and opportunities for each and every student,” said Nash.

As Poway High’s Principal, Mr. Nash, will lead a new administrative team which consists of current Assistant Principal Aaron Little, Assistant Principal Colin Young (current A.P. at Mt. Carmel High School, returning to Poway High), and Assistant Principal Brianne Froumis (current A.P. Black Mountain Middle School).

Mr. Nash is an experienced high school administrator who rose to the challenge at his former high school, James Madison High, where he started as a teacher in 2004, then became Vice Principal, then served as Principal for the last nine years. During his time there, he was honored for increasing access to A.P. courses and providing support for underrepresented students, increasing the graduation rate from 84% to 94%, raising API scores by 97 points over the last three years it was measured, overseeing an award-winning CTE program, with a culinary arts pathway ranked 1st in the state and 6th in the nation, starting a marching band program where there previously was none, improving school climate, and establishing a focus on cultural diversity.

Superintendent Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps stated, “What Richard has been able to accomplish at a school with so many challenges is remarkable. His school population included 68% of students who were considered socioeconomically disadvantaged, yet the quality of his leadership shines through the progress he was able to make with the limited resources available to him. Poway High is obviously a different school, with more resources and a diverse makeup of students and staff, and I am confident that this is an environment where Mr. Nash can lead and succeed.”

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