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## Michele Ward Appointed as New Principal at Tierra Bonita Elementary School



The Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce new leadership at Tierra Bonita Elementary School. At the August 8, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education, Ms. Michele Ward was approved to serve as the new principal, effective August 9, 2019.

Ms. Ward comes to Poway Unified from the Vista Unified School District, where she was Assistant Principal and Co-Principal at Vista Innovation and Design Academy for the past three years. There, she supported teachers and students in instruction utilizing the Design Thinking process and project-based learning. “As an Apple Distinguished School, Tierra Bonita’s innovative and engaging learning

environment is a perfect fit for Michele. We were all impressed by her leadership and her work around innovation in Vista, as well as her beliefs around collaborative decision-making. We look forward to her helping us take Tierra Bonita to the next level,” said Superintendent Dr. Marian Kim Phelps.

Prior to Vista, Ms. Ward was an elementary school teacher in Carlsbad Unified for ten years. She also taught in the New Haven Unified School District, located in the Bay Area for several years.

“Along with teachers and staff, I will work hard to make sure that our students are well-rounded, caring individuals prepared for a fast-changing future. I’m also looking forward to supporting students with more creative and innovative ways to meet student achievement, by focusing on inquiry, collaboration, and research, while developing connections to real world opportunities,” Ms. Ward said in a message to Tierra Bonita families. Poway Unified is proud to have such a talented educator and leader in our school district. Congratulations, Ms. Ward!

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