## PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive **contributions to the community and global society.** 



## Press Release

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## Assistant Principal for Pajaro Valley High School and Science Coordinator Appointed at Recent PVUSD Board of Trustees

Watsonville, CA, August 26, 2019 – Pajaro Valley Unified School District is pleased to announce the following administrative appointments, both replacement positions, as approved at the August 21 Board of Trustees meeting: **Juanita Aguilera** is promoted to Assistant Principal at Pajaro Valley High School and **Mike Russo** is the Science Coordinator.

Juanita Aguilera, Assistant Principal of Pajaro Valley High School, has been serving students of Pajaro Valley since 1987 in the capacity of Instructional Support Specialist for the Migrant Education program before becoming an English Learner Specialist at Pajaro Valley High School. Ms. Aguilera is a local resident of Watsonville and a former student of PVUSD. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies/Spanish and Teaching Credential from San Jose State University and her Masters of Education in Administration from Concordia University Irvine. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator to her new administrative role.

Mike Russo, Coordinator of Science, began his education career in 1991 as a Biology teacher at Watsonville High School before going abroad to teach in Italy and Ecuador. For the past 15 years, Mr. Russo has been working for the New Teacher Center as a Senior Program Director for the East Side Alliance. He received his Bachelors in Biology from UCSC, Masters in Secondary Education from the University of Alabama and is currently working on his Administrative Credential from the Learning Education Activities Program (LEAP) through Santa Clara County Office of Education. Mr. Russo brings a wealth of knowledge in providing professional development to teachers and administrators. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator back to the PVUSD #OneTeam in his new administrative role.



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