## 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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## Pajaro Valley Unified School District's Board of Trustees Approve Administrative Appointments

Watsonville, CA. May 14, 2019 – Pajaro Valley Unified School District is a pleased to introduce the following administrative appointments as approved by the Board of Trustees at their most recent meetings: Lisa Aguerria Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Julie Edwards, Career Technical Education Coordinator; Deanna Young, Principal of Renaissance High School; Shelby Biddy, Principal of MacQuiddy Elementary; and David Harrah, Principal of EA Hall Middle School.

Ms. Lisa Aguerria currently serves at PVUSD as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and will replace Ms. Susan Perez upon her retirement. This position is a lateral move for Ms. Aguerria; she brings to her new position solid instructional assets that will strengthen and support the important work of the Educational Services Department. Ms. Aguerria began at PVUSD in August of 2015 and has worked diligently to improve students' academic experience at the elementary level. She has been instrumental in building the instructional capacity of site leadership, in developing a robust Local Control Accountability Plan, in bringing educational opportunities to academic state of the structure and in bridging departments.



schools, and in bridging departments, schools and families via implementation of effective communication practices. Ms. Aguerria's experience in identifying and creating best instructional practices, her ability to build strong collaborative teams, and her passion for authentic instructional equity will continue to benefit our students, our families, and our staff.

Ms. **Julie Edwards** has been an Assistant Principal at Aptos High School since 2015. She is an advocate of Naviance as a support for college and career readiness, was instrumental in the establishment of the new College & Career Center, manages partnerships with UCSC, as well as colleges and business partners. From August 2008 to July 2015, Ms. Edwards served as a program coordinator, counselor and teacher for the Santa Cruz Office of Education, CTE/ROP Program. She was a College & Career Center Advisor in the Scotts Valley Unified School District. Her passion is to develop and implement viable and exciting college and career readiness



programs and initiatives to crease and foster an environment where students are aware of what is



needed for success in post-secondary options. It is great to see one of PVUSD's own be in a position instrumental to helping our students reach future goals.

PVUSD is pleased to announce the promotion of **Deanna Young** to the position of Principal of Renaissance Continuation High School. Ms. Young has served our students as the Assistant Principal of Pajaro Valley High School since 2010. Prior to becoming an Assistant Principal, Ms. Young was a Science teacher for PVUSD, a position in which she served in since 2006. Ms. Young's heart is with PVUSD and we are overjoyed to see her move into a new position in our district. She will bring the same passion and hard work that she displayed at Pajaro Valley High to Renaissance and we look forward to seeing her grow in her new role.

**Shelby Biddy** will serve PVUSD as the new Principal at MacQuiddy Elementary. Ms. Biddy comes to us after working as the Interim Principal at Highland Elementary and as a summer school principal at Monterey Peninsula Unified. She excelled in these roles, which gave her the opportunity to become the Principal at Sunshine Gardens Elementary in 2016. Prior to her time in administration, Ms. Biddy was a 4th grade teacher for over 15 years. We believe her energy and enthusiasm will be a great fit for the teachers and students at MacQuiddy Elementary.

PVUSD is pleased to announce the promotion of **David Harrah** to the position of Principal of E.A. Hall Middle School. Mr. Harrah has served the students and teachers at E.A. Hall as the Assistant Principal since 2016. Prior to serving as the Assistant Principal, Mr. Harrah served PVUSD as both an After School Coordinator and a Language Arts/Social Studies teacher. He has been with PVUSD since 2004 and his heart is with the students and teachers of E.A.Hall. PVUSD is excited to offer David the opportunity to lead the E.A. Hall Middle School community.

On behalf of our Superintendent and district administration, we congratulate Ms Aguerria, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Young, Ms. Biddy and Mr. Harrah on their new positions. PVUSD is fortunate to have them serving our families.



