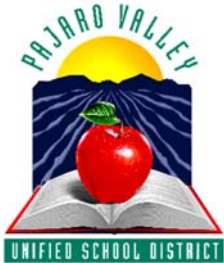


## PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

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 Introduces Administrative Appointments**

Watsonville, CA. June 14, 2019 – Pajaro Valley Unified School District is committed to supporting the sites and departments through experienced administrators with a record of success. After a thorough search and interview process, PVUSD is pleased to welcome the following administrative appointments as approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 12 meeting: Kasey A. Klappenback, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Rick Ito, Director of Student Services; Gregory Fry, Coordinator of Student Services; Laura Smith, Radcliff Elementary School Principal; Kathryn Kriscunas, Aptos High School Assistant Principal; Tanya Rivers Boyle, Assistant Principal, EA Hall Middle School; and Ryan Block, Senior Project Manager.

**Kasey Klappenback** is the new Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education. He is a highly accomplished instructional leader, community advocate, and fiscal manager with the ability to develop an inclusive and collaborative culture focused on student achievement. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Child Development from Cal State University Fullerton; Reading Certification and Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University, a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential from Cal Poly Pomona, and a Tier II Administrative Services Credential from Brandman University. Mr. Klappenback also earned a Business Management Certificate for Site Administrators at the University of Southern California. Mr. Klappenback has an extensive record of success focused on student achievement. He served as a teacher, District Level Literacy Coach, Assistant Principal, and is currently the Principal of Garfield Elementary-all in the Santa Ana Unified School District. Due to his strong leadership, he currently is on various District Task Force Teams, which include LCAP, CTE, Project Lead the Way, MTSS, Early Learning Initiative and the UCI California Reading and Literature Project. Mr. Klappenback is a sought-after coach and presenter. He presented at the Special Education Inclusive Collaborative Conference for Special Education and is a partner for the Orange County Contemporary Arts Centers Art Grant. As a Reading First Literacy Coach, he co-wrote lesson study modules, developed Thinking Maps, training staff in the Language Arts and writing modules and facilitated the use of data-driven instruction. He participated in trainings for AVID, Irvine Math Project, Crisis Intervention, PBIS, Project Foster NGSS Institute, PBL-Buck Institute, CRLP/RALLI, Lexia, SIPPS, GLAD, QuickReads, Fast Track, Touchphonics and much more. Mr. Klappenback was recognized for his outstanding achievements as the 2006-07 Support Staff Teacher of the Year; 2008-09 Teacher of the Year; the 2009-10 Hispanic Education Endowment Fund "Apple of Gold" Recipient and the 2019 Shefelbine Leadership in Literacy Award from CRLP-UCI Region Recipient.



**Rick Ito** is the new Director of Student Services. Currently, the principal at Rolling Hills Middle School since February 2005, Mr. Ito has extensive education and training. He obtained an Administrative Services Credential, Teaching Credential in Social Science and Master's Degree in Special Education from San Jose State University. Mr. Ito has a Bachelor Degree from Sacramento State with a major in History. In addition to his education, Mr. Ito has a variety of both teaching and leadership experience. Prior to serving as a principal in our district, Mr. Ito was an Assistant Principal at Rogers Middle School in Moreland School District. He is a Board member for the Woolpert Algebra Academy and California League of Middle Schools. He has served on Negotiations Teams, English Language Learners and Curriculum Council. Mr. Ito has worked directly with Special Needs students as a Special Day Class Teacher. With his accomplished history, we look forward to the future success of our Student Services Department under the leadership of one of our own, Mr. Rick Ito.



**Greg Fry** is the new Coordinator of Student Services. Currently, the assistant principal at Rolling Hills Middle School since July 2016. Mr. Fry came to PVUSD in 2008 as an RSP teacher at Pajaro Middle School. He obtained an Administrative Services Credential from San Jose State University and an Educational Specialist teaching credential with a focus on Mild to Moderate Learning Disabilities from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. In addition to his education, Mr. Fry worked in non-profit sector running summer camps, coordinating after-school literacy programs, and served on several non-profit boards. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from the classroom and administrative roles. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator to his new administrative role as Coordinator of Student Services.



**Laura Smith** has been selected as the new Principal of Radcliff Elementary. Ms. Smith has been with our school district since 2016, first joining the Pajaro Valley family as a teacher at Radcliff Elementary then accepting a promotion to Academic Coordinator at Mar Vista Elementary in 2018. Ms. Smith has over 17 years of success and contributions to schools. She received a Bachelor's Degree majoring Spanish with a minor in Latin American Studies and Child Development, a Master's in Education Leadership, and holds a B-CLAD Credential. Ms. Smith has led professional development activities on in-depth data analysis and targeted/meaningful instruction. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Ms. Smith has worked with hundreds of multicultural students with varying learning capacities at elementary and middle school. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator to her new role as principal.



**Tanya Boyle** is the new Assistant Principal of EA Hall Middle School. Ms. Boyle has been serving students since 2001 as a Science teacher in San Jose Unified. She has an Administrative Service Credential from Santa Clara University, Teaching credential in Biology from Willamette University in Oregon and her Bachelor degree in Biology from Linfield College in Oregon. Ms. Boyle has been serving in the capacity of Activities Director at Raymond J. Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos. In this role, she has revitalized the student leadership program, become an award winning yearbook advisor, served as both department chair and curriculum lead and was the district teacher of the year in 2017. She developed and taught a STEAM elective program. She has extensive experience in planning standards based, hands-on science lessons and mentored other educators to be leaders for both students and colleagues. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator to her new administrative role.



**Kathryn “Katie” Kriscunas** is the new Assistant Principal at Aptos High School. Ms. Kriscunas has been serving the students of Pajaro Valley since 2015 as a Science teacher, Tech Liaison, School Site Council Member, Instructional Rounds leader and WASC Coordinator. Prior to PVUSD, she was a teacher at North Monterey County High School. Ms. Kriscunas collaborated with university professors and graduate students to develop curriculum for the Next Generation Science Standards at Great American Biotic Research Experience for Teachers at the University of Florida. She was a Teacher Fellow at COSMOS for the University of Santa Cruz. Among her many awards, Ms. Kriscunas was a County Science Initiative Teacher leader, Mariner of the Year at AHS, Drago Slayer Awardee and Rookie of the Year in North Monterey County. At San Jose State University, she obtained a teaching credential and was named a Dean’s Scholar while earning her Bachelor’s Degree in Biological Sciences. She received an Associate’s Degree with an Honorable Mention from Cabrillo College. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator to her new administrative role.



**Ryan Block** is the new Senior Project Manager-Facilities Bond Program. Mr. Block brings a wealth of experience to his new position. He has a strong construction background where he worked as a junior foreman for a commercial plumbing and building company. He continued his career with our District starting in 2016 as a Planning Specialist in the Planning Department where he has spent the last three years coordinating major construction projects in the District. Mr. Block received a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from Chico State University and is currently completing an Associate’s Degree in Construction Management. We welcome Mr. Block to the Planning Department administrative team as we continue to improve our facilities for our students and staff.



On behalf of our Board of Trustees, Superintendent and district administration, we congratulate and welcome these administrators to their new positions.