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## FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

## DATE: May 22, 2015

## SUBJECT: SDUHSD Selects Principal for Oak Crest MS & Assistant Principals Promotions



The San Dieguito Union High School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Rick Schmitt are proud to announce that Dr. Ben Taylor has been selected as the new Principal of Oak Crest Middle School beginning July 1, 2015.

Dr. Ben Taylor is currently serving as Assistant Principal of Oak Crest Middle School. Other positions Ben has held include Assistant Principal of Santa Rosa Academy and Instructional Coach for the State of North Carolina. During his tenure at the State level, Ben was an instructional coach for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, District and

School Transformation Division. He provided support and training to teachers in ten counties and developed and implemented the new common core state standards. Before working at the state level, he taught English and social studies at the middle and high school levels in North Carolina and California.

Dr. Ben Taylor holds a doctorate in Educational Administration, a master's degree in school administration, an administrative services credential and an English/Language Arts credential with Cross Cultural Language Arts Authorization.

Ben shared that the best part of his Oak Crest Middle School experience so far are the incredible students. His favorite part of the day is being out on campus and interacting with the fabulous students. Staff has described his style as one of being collaborative, supportive, and straightforward. Ben is truly a team player!

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Ben Taylor on his new role as Principal of Oak Crest Middle School.

Other administrative promotions include Reno Medina, currently Assistant Principal at Earl Warren Middle School will be promoted to Assistant Principal at La Costa Canyon High School, and Corey Bess, current Assistant Principal at Diegueno Middle School will also be promoted to Assistant Principal at Canyon Crest Academy. Both will begin their new assignments on July 1, 2015.