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SUBJECT: VICKI KIM SELECTED TO LEAD CARMEL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

ENCINITAS - San Dieguito Union High School District Superintendent Eric Dill will recommend the appointment of Ms. Victoria (Vicki) Kim, as the new Principal of Carmel Valley Middle School.



Ms. Kim began her career as a public educator teaching Physical Education to middle school students in the east bay of California. There, as a PE teacher, she created an after school Song Club for her students to read and discuss song lyrics in an effort to offer a safe space for students while promoting literacy. Ms. Kim then pursued an opportunity to teach high school English, English as a Second Language, and Journalism for six years, before becoming an assistant principal in the San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD).

After spending eleven years in SJUSD, Ms. Kim moved to Palo Alto High School, where she is currently finishing out her fifth year as assistant principal. Throughout her ten years serving as an assistant principal, Ms. Kim has had direct involvement with and oversight of many departments and initiatives relating to English, math, special education, physical education, equity, assessment, student activities, athletics, counseling, master scheduling, wellness and safety, and guidance. She has also focused on balancing the need to improve student health and wellness while continuing to strive for academic excellence.

Ms. Kim grew up in Edmonton, Alberta, where she received her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta. After finishing her undergraduate program, Ms. Kim spent a year overseas in Korea teaching English at Sahmyook University. She moved to California in 2001 and went on to earn her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at San Jose State University.

Ms. Kim will relocate to San Diego with her husband and toddler after she finishes the current school year in Palo Alto, but will visit the school this spring and be in continuous communication with school site and district staff to ensure a smooth transition. When accepting the position, Ms. Kim said, "I'm incredibly excited to become a Carmel Valley Middle School Bobcat!"

The San Dieguito Union High School District serves 7th through 12th grade students in the communities of Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Cardiff, Rancho Santa Fe and surrounding areas. Covering 85 square miles, the district includes four high schools, five middle schools, and a continuation high school. Website: www.sduhsd.net.