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Torrance Unified Welcomes, Congratulates New Administrators

Torrance, CA – The Torrance Unified Board of Education is proud to announce the following Administrative Appointments:

- **Kelly Joseph – Principal – Torrance Elementary School**

  Kelly comes to us from the Anaheim City School District, where he has served as Vice Principal since 2008. He also served as a Curriculum Coach from 2006 to 2008 and an Elementary Teacher from 1997 to 2006. He received his B.A. at California State Dominguez Hills in 1996, his B.S. at DeVry University in 2001, his M.A. at Azusa Pacific University in 2006, and his PhD. in Education at Claremont Graduate University in 2011.

- **Michele Bauer– Principal – Seaside Elementary School**

  Michele comes to us from the Pomona Unified School District, where she served as Principal at Lincoln Elementary School since 2007. She also served in the East Whittier City School District as Principal from August 2006 to July 2007. Michele also served in the Los Angeles Unified School District as Assistant Principal from July 2003 to July 2006; Categorical Coordinator from July 2001 to June 2003; and as an Elementary Teacher from August 1986 to June 2001. She received her B.S. at the University of Southern California in 1985, and her Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University in 1998.

- **Kumi Toyoda-Smart – Principal – Adams Elementary School**

  Kumi has served as a Grade 2 Teacher at Arnold Elementary School since 1997. She also served as Acting Assistant Principal at Hickory Elementary School in 2007 and most recently as Acting Assistant Principal at Hull Middle School. She received her B.A. at the University of California, Irvine in 1992, her M.A. at Pepperdine University in 1997, and her Doctor of Education at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles in 2010.

- **Sandra Skora – Principal – Towers Elementary School (transferring from Adams Elementary School)**

  Sandra has served as Principal at Adams Elementary School for the last two years. She previously served as Assistant Principal at Hickory Elementary School.

- **Michelle Giampapa – Middle School Assistant Principal, Jefferson Middle School**

  Michelle has served as a Grade 6 – 8 Health and Physical Education Teacher since 2003. She also served as Acting Assistant principal at Richardson Middle School from October 2009 through February 2010. She received her B.S. in Kinesiology from The Pennsylvania State University in 2002, and her M.A. from Grand Canyon University in 2009.

- **Lisa Jones – Middle School Assistant Principal, Madrona Middle School**

  Lisa has held the position of Acting Assistant Principal w/50% Teaching Responsibilities at Madrona Middle School since January 31, 2011. She also served as an Acting High School Assistant Principal from January 9, 2009 until June 2009, as an English Teacher since 2005 and as an Attendance Intervention Specialist for the 2008-2009 school year at South High School. She received her B.A. at California State University, Long Beach in 1987 and her M.A. at National University in 2004.

- **Justine Lang – Middle School Assistant Principal, Richardson Middle School**

  Justine comes to us from the Capistrano Unified School District, where she served as a Secondary Teaching Assistant Principal since 2007. Her teaching experience includes Grade 7 Accelerated English, Grade 8 Social Studies Literacy and Grade 6 Study Skills since 2006. She also served as a Grade 6 Humanities Teacher and Grade 8 Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Teacher from 2000 – 2006. She received her B.S. in Psychology in 1994 and her Masters of Science in Educational Administration in 2009. We would like to welcome Justine to our District.

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