

Rancho Pico Gets New Principal



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Michelle Krantz Named New Rancho Pico Principal

Michele Krantz, who has served as junior and senior high school teacher and assistant principal in the Wm. S.Hart Union High School District for the last nine years, has been named principal at Rancho Pico Junior High School. Krantz replaces principal Dave LeBarron who was recently promoted to the position of Director of Curriculum with the Hart District.

Krantz came to the Hart District in 1998 as a history teacher and activities director at Sierra Vista Junior High School where she served for three years. She then transferred to SaugusHigh School as a video production and history teacher for two years. Krantz was selected as an assistant principal at Sierra Vista in 2003 where she remained for 3 years. Most recently, Krantz has been an assistant principal at West Ranch High School.

An alumnus of both State University of New York at Purchase and State University of New York at New Paltz, she holds bachelor's degrees in Music Composition and Social Studies. She earned her Masters Degree and Administrative Credential from California State University, Northridge.

Here's what else happened at the most recent Hart School Board meeting. *Summary provided by the Hart District.*

The District recognized and honored exemplary classified employees from each site, paying tribute to their tireless efforts. Honorees were selected by the staff at their sites based on criteria that included commitment, personal attributes, skills and interpersonal relationships, contributions to the learning environment, and overall professionalism.

For the year 2007/08, the District recognizes the following Classified Employees of the Year: James Aguirre (Hart High School), Timothy Ballante (Administrative Center), Sam Browning (Academy of the Canyons), Judy Castilla (Canyon High School), Paula Davidson (Early College High School), Cecilia Dhala Calabrano (Arroyo Seco Junior High School), Manuel Gomez (Placerita Junior High School), Linda Greer (La Mesa Junior High School), Randy Hurst (Golden Oak Adult School), Todd Jackson (Sequoia Charter School), Ann James (Bowman High School), Judith LaSalle (West Ranch High School), Pat Luna (Learning Post High School), Linda Mehl (Saugus High School), William Romney (Rio Norte Junior High School), Catherine Royal (Rancho Pico Junior High School), Barbara Schiern (Valencia High School), Jill Stirling (Golden Valley High School), Rose Wagenaar (Sierra Vista Junior High School), and Louise Willard (Career Visions).

These employees will be honored at a special luncheon in November and their photographs will be displayed in the District Office for the coming year.

California School Employees Association Appointment to Personnel Commission

CSEA Chapter 349 President, Dennis Koontz, announced Dr. Donald Rimac as the classified employees' appointee to the Personnel Commission. The term of CSEA's current appointee, Lester Freeman, will expire on December 1, 2007, at which time Dr. Rimac's appointment will take effect for a three-year term.

2005/06 Measure V Performance Audit Report

Proposition 39 requires that the District provide an annual audit of the use of construction bond Measure V funds. Moss Adams LLP presented the results of their audit for the year starting July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. The performance audit found that in 2005/06, \$6.6 million of Measure V funds were transferred at the end of that year through journal entry to the Developer Fee Fund to cover Measure V qualified expenses that had occurred between 2003 and 2006 for West Ranch High and Golden Valley High Schools. Auditors reported that although all of the expenses qualified as appropriate Measure V expenditures, the audit trail for this transfer was incomplete. As a result, it was not possible for the auditor to determine the extent to which the District had complied with Proposition 39.

The report recommended the District continue to implement practices for transparency of program performance, fiscal controls, and improved systems for managing program costs. Staff responded to the audit findings by presenting a timeline of events from 2003 through 2007 and a list of construction finance program controls that have been implemented in the past year. During the same time period, 55 audit issues were identified, with 41 already completed and the remaining 14 currently being implemented. The report presented by Moss Adams indicated that the District had made progress in improving fiscal controls for use in the school construction program.

Maintenance Department Annual Report

The Hart District Maintenance Department presented its 2006/07 Annual Report describing the department's organization, work order prioritization system, financial overview of expenditures, results of a customer service survey of schools, and departmental goals. Most of the information presented focused on the process by which work orders are generated and the current backlog of work orders. Representatives reported that as of September, 307 work orders are currently in the queue, which averages approximately 25 work orders per school. Also shared were the results of a customer service survey that provided feedback on topics including communication, responsiveness, technical support, and contracted services.