

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.



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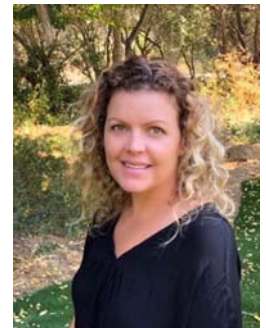
PVUSD Welcomes Administrators to Vacated Positions

Watsonville, CA, July 28, 2020 – Pajaro Valley Unified School District welcomed administrators into key positions at the most recent Board of Trustees meetings. Dr. Maria Clara Fernandez returns to PVUSD as Watsonville High School Principal, Nichole Salles-Cunha will lead Duncan Holbert as their Principal, Sara Pearman will join Bradley Elementary as Academic Coordinator, Rick Maldonado will serve as Assistant Principal at Watsonville High School, and the District Office welcomes Colleen Bugayong as Director of Fiscal Services.

Watsonville High School welcomes alumna Dr. Maria Clara Fernandez back as Principal to serve and lead over 2,200 students. Dr. Fernandez has worked with students of Pajaro Valley from 2000 to 2011 in the After School program, in Migrant Education and as an Elementary teacher. Dr. Fernandez was an Elementary Assistant Principal in Salinas for 5 years and an Elementary Principal for the past 2 years. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies and Masters in Education from UC Santa Cruz, Administrative Credential and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from San Jose State. We are proud to welcome this highly accomplished educator to her new administrative role.



Nichole Salles-Cunha continues to serve the PVUSD students and community but now as Principal of Duncan Holbert. Ms. Salles-Cunha began in 2014 as a Special Education Teacher at Mintie White and a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for SELPA. She was a PVUSD innovator of the year for 2019 and supported Special Education programs and new teachers in her current TOSA role and as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Lead. Ms. Salles-Cunha obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and Administrative Credential from San Diego State, and a Special Education Mild/Moderate teaching credential from CSU Monterey Bay. PVUSD looks forward to her commitment to student success in her new capacity.



Academic Coordinator for Bradley Elementary, Sara Pearman, has been at PVUSD since 2008, serving students as a teacher at Freedom, MacQuiddy and Ohlone Elementary schools. Ms. Pearman holds a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master of Arts in Education from UC Santa Cruz. She received a Master of Arts degree in Education/Educational Administration from Concordia University Irvine. PVUSD is proud to welcome Ms. Pearman and her strong instructional leadership skills to the Bradley Elementary team.



PVUSD is pleased to announce the selection of Rick Maldonado as the new Assistant Principal of Watsonville High School. Mr. Maldonado has been serving the students of Pajaro Valley since 2016 as a Social Emotional Counselor. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Human Communication from CSU Monterey Bay, Pupil Personnel Services Credential from National University and Administrative Credential from Santa Clara. PVUSD welcomes Mr. Maldonado to his new administrative role.



PVUSD announces the promotion of Ms. Colleen Bugayong to Director of Fiscal Services. Ms. Bugayong, a Watsonville High School graduate, brings a wealth of experience to her new position with a strong financial background rooted in her experience working for the District. She has been with the District since 1991 working in a variety of positions such as Accounting Specialist, Staff Accountant, Senior Accountant, and over the last twelve years as the Supervisor of Accounting. Ms. Bugayong brings to her new position the talent for finding resolution to challenging situations and works collaboratively with staff across the District. Her work will move our District into the future by maintaining a strong budget that always has our students in the forefront of her decisions.

