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Chico Unified Welcomes New Leadership Staff
Leadership Updates for the 2022-23 School Year

Chico, CA – Chico Unified is excited to welcome six new administrators to the district-wide leadership team for the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

Emma Wilson Elementary School

Courtney Connelly brings a high-level understanding and knowledge to the Principal position at Emma Wilson Elementary School. Previously an Assistant Principal, Courtney has over 18 years of experience serving in the K-12 field. Graduating with a Master's in Educational Administration, Courtney's focus is supporting students and families from diverse backgrounds to help meet their individualized needs.

Cristi Tellechea is new to Chico Unified and brings 15 years of educational experience to the Assistant Principal position at Emma Wilson Elementary. A Chico native, Cristi has served as an administrator in neighboring districts. She has a Master's Degree in Applied School Leadership and earned her credentials at Chico State.

Rosedale Elementary School

Marisol Lopez is the new Assistant Principal at Rosedale Elementary School. Marisol has been working within Chico Unified for over seven years. A Chico State graduate, Marisol's vision is to see all students grow academically via a system of collaboration, effective teaching strategies and support.

Grant Writer

Collaborating with site administrators, staff and our Facilities Department, Chico Unified is excited to welcome Michelle Bunch as our newest Grant Writer. Thanks to the support of grant funds, Chico Unified has obtained funding for expanded Career Technical Education facilities and programs, afterschool childcare, expanded preschool programs and social emotional support funding. Michelle has worked in Chico Unified for 25 years and looks forward to supporting student programs throughout Chico Unified School District.

Special Education Coordinator

Jennifer Skala has a background in school psychology and administrative credentials from Texas A & M University. New to Chico Unified, Jennifer has spent the last 23 years in education. Jennifer was recognized as Yuba County Educators Who Makes a

Difference, the CA Association of FFA – Section Star Administrator and the Foster Youth Educational Champion by the Butte County Office of Education. Jennifer has worked with all forms of student support and will bring a wealth of experience to our Special Education Programs.

After School Coordinator

Kalyn Quok is a Chico State graduate. Kalyn first started as an Afterschool Program Leader while completing her student teaching at Chico Junior High School. Kayln continued her work in the Afterschool Program and oversaw the six grant-funded elementary programs and two junior high school programs. Chico Unified is excited to have Kalyn's experience and support as afterschool enrichment grows across Chico Unified.

"We are thrilled to have these experienced and compassionate individuals joining our Leadership Team! Our focus on recruiting, hiring and training compassionate and talented staff continues as we work to serve the needs of our students. Our newest leadership staff exemplifies outstanding accomplishments and experience they will model for our Chico Unified students and community," said Chico Unified Superintendent Kelly Staley.

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Resource:

School Site Leadership 2022-23

- **Chico High** – Principal Doug Williams | Assistant Principals: Brandon Kessler, Sara Pasillas and Erica Sheridan
- **Pleasant Valley High** – Principal Damon Whittaker | Assistant Principals: Joe Gallaty, Renee Spaggiari and Deanna Holen
- **Fair View High/Academy for Change (AFC)/Center for Alternative Learning (CAL)/Oakdale 6th-12th** – Principal Andrew Moll | Assistant Principal John Gunderson
- **Bidwell Junior High** – Principal David McKay | Assistant Principal Laurie DeBock
- **Chico Junior High** – Principal Pedro Caldera | Assistant Principal Jessica Capen
- **Marsh Junior High** – Principal Jessica Kamph | Assistant Principal Amy DeLuna
- **Chapman Elementary** – Principal Mike Allen
- **Citrus Elementary** – Principal Shanon Payne
- **Emma Wilson Elementary** – Principal Courtney Connelly | Assistant Principal Cristi Tellechea
- **Hooker Oak Elementary** – Principal Emily Mullins
- **John A. McManus Elementary** – Principal Chris Weaver
- **Little Chico Creek Elementary** – Principal Kristen Schrock | Assistant Principal Stephanie Cunniff
- **Marigold School (Loma Vista)** – Principal Shawneese Heath | Assistant Principal Marjie Starkey
- **Neal Dow Elementary** – Principal Kellie Steinbach | Assistant Principal Marisol Lopez
- **Parkview Elementary** – Principal Heather Sufuentes
- **Rosedale Elementary** – Principal JoAnn Bettencourt | Assistant Principal Marisol Lopez
- **Shasta Elementary** – Principal Bruce Besnard | Assistant Principal Ritesh Kanji
- **Sierra View Elementary** – Principal Kim Rodgers
- **Oak Bridge Academy** – Principal Rhonda Odium