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Eric Rowen Appointed Director of Classified Personnel

Eric Rowen recently joined the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District as the director of classified personnel. The three-member personnel commission recommended Rowen following recruitment and interviews.

Rowen will oversee the recruitment and hiring of classified personnel under the direction of the personnel commission. SMMUSD currently has approximately 800 classified employees in positions that include office staff, food services, custodians, maintenance and operations, transportation, instructional assistants, security officers, paraeducators and other noncertificated staff.



Rowen comes to SMMUSD following four years at the Los Angeles County Office of Education where he served as senior human resource analyst. He previously worked at LAUSD as a human resources specialist 2.

Prior to working for a K-12 education agency Rowen worked for the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles, managing the business psychology department's student-run consulting projects.

"I'm very excited to begin this new role at SMMUSD," Rowen said. "The district has a great reputation and I look forward to ensuring that we continue to hire and promote the strongest, most qualified classified staff possible."

Rowen earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from USC and a Master of Arts in industrialorganizational psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

"Mr. Rowen will be a valuable addition to our district leadership team," Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. "We would like to congratulate him on his new position."

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