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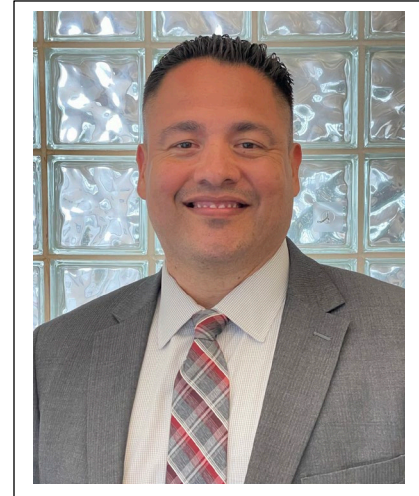
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**Dr. Douglas Meza Named New Director, Human Resources**

The Santa Monica-Malibu School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Douglas Meza as the new human resources director at its August 17, 2023 regular board meeting.

Dr. Meza comes to SMMUSD with more than 15 years of education experience, recently serving as the Los Angeles Unified School District local district west administrator of operations for the past three years.

In his prior position, Dr. Meza, directly supervised and ensured the completion of the required evaluation for 12,000 certificated and classified employees in the Region West. He provided professional development to certificated and classified employees around human resources policies and organized certificated and classified hiring fairs.



He brings extensive training and experience in education administration and leadership, coupled with skills in coaching, mentoring, observation and supervision of education professionals.

Dr. Meza has previously served as middle school assistant principal and principal, high school assistant principal and Principal, along with talent acquisition specialist in LAUSD.

“I am honored and excited to join the SMMUSD family,” said Dr. Meza. “SMMUSD has a history of providing the community with great support and customer service. I will work tirelessly alongside our human resources team to continue that tradition so that SMMUSD continues to be one of the best school districts in the state.”

Dr. Meza earned a bachelor’s degree in child development and master’s degree in educational administration, both from Cal State LA and a doctorate of education in organizational leadership from UCLA.

“I would like to welcome Dr. Meza to the SMMUSD family,” said Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton. “We are happy to have him on board to support and lead our human resources team.”

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