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Cardiff School District Welcomes New Principal

Cardiff by the Sea, CA (August 2, 2021) – [Cardiff School District](#) welcomes Mrs. Michelle Giroux as the new principal at Cardiff School.

Mrs. Giroux comes to Cardiff School District from Romoland School District in Menifee, CA (Riverside County). Prior to this exciting transition, she was director of educational services at the District and had served as principal of Harvest Valley Elementary School from 2014 to 2019.

Among her many strengths, Mrs. Giroux brings a strong instructional background and a passion for personalized learning. She embodies a growth mindset and supports a strengths-based approach to teaching and learning.

At Harvest Valley Elementary, she established a strong, student-focused culture, empowered staff leadership through team driven initiatives, and facilitated data analysis to improve instruction. Before her tenure with the Romoland School District, Mrs. Giroux served as assistant principal at McSweeney and Ramona Elementary Schools in the Hemet Unified School District. Her experience also includes eight years of teaching both elementary and middle school grades, and as a reading intervention teacher.

After a process that included two rounds of interviews, Mrs. Giroux was enthusiastically recommended by Superintendent Jill Vinson as the finalist for the position of Cardiff School principal. The Cardiff School Board made the appointment at their July 13th special meeting.

“I am so excited for school to start on August 17th. I look forward to meeting the students and getting to know their families,” said Michelle Giroux, new principal of Cardiff School. “Cardiff

School District has a wonderful reputation in the educational community. I consider myself very lucky to have an opportunity to serve in the District as principal and be amongst this incredible community dedicated to learning.”

Mrs. Giroux has a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and completed her Administrative Services Credential from Azusa Pacifica University. In addition, she received her California teaching credentials from National University and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies at San Diego State University. Mrs. Giroux is also fluent in conversational Spanish and has experience in staff development training and as a speaker at professional, educational conferences.

“Mrs. Giroux’s background in educational leadership combined with her positive energy and passion for educating children made her an excellent choice to lead Cardiff School,” said Jill Vinson, Cardiff School District superintendent. “This is going to be such an exciting year for students at Cardiff School. In addition to a new principal, students will enjoy the first full school year in our beautiful, new classrooms, playgrounds and lunch area. We’re all looking forward to this new chapter.”

In addition to Mrs. Giroux’s wealth of experience and dedication to education, she was recognized and given a highly regarded award in 2021 by the Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area, Community Advisory Committee (SELPA CAC) for Making a Difference. She was also named Site Leader of the Year (in 2019) by Computer Using Educators (CUE) and was recognized as Romoland School District's Principal of the Year (2016.)

Mrs. Giroux recently moved to Carlsbad with her husband, also a school principal, and their two daughters. She is an avid hiker and enjoys going to the beach and traveling with her family.

Cardiff School’s former principal, Julie Parker, retired at the end of the 2020-2021 school year after 26 great years of service to the Cardiff School District’s staff, teachers and families.

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