

Lennox School District

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LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS FINALIST FOR SUPERINTENDENT POSITION
GABRIELA TAVITIAN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT



After conducting a nationwide wide-ranging search and a lengthy process of gathering input from employees of the district and members of the community which included the review of many applicants recruited by Leadership Associates, the Lennox School District Board of Education is honored to announce Gabriela Tavitian as the finalist to replace outgoing Superintendent, Scott Price.

The Lennox Board of Trustees will consider a contract with Mrs. Tavitian and is expected to approve an offer of employment at its December 14, 2021, regularly scheduled Board meeting. Mrs. Tavitian brings 27 years of experience in elementary and middle school education to the position and currently serves East Whittier City School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Support Services, a position she has held for 8 years in the district. Prior to that Mrs. Tavitian served as Elementary Principal for 8 years after teaching and serving as an Assistant Principal at several elementary schools in the Azusa Unified School District for 10 years. In each of these roles, she has demonstrated high expectations, compassion, dedication, and a commitment to strong collaboration and communication with students, families, staff, and the community.

Lennox Board President Angeles Gonzalez stated “We are excited to bring a strong and proven leader to our school district. After our extensive search and interview process with very strong competitors, we found Gabriela, who comes from a school district like Lennox. She is an excellent instructional leader, cares deeply about children, and brings us new perspectives and an excellent vision for Lennox, especially with our English language learners. Her sincere desire to listen to all viewpoints and her relationships with parents and community are excellent. She is known as a strong communicator and collaborator who exemplifies transparent leadership and enjoys working with others. She has always been highly visible at school sites and encourages all members of the learning community to collaborate in professional learning communities. Her expectations for herself and others are very high and always centered on accelerating student achievement. She admires and respects the people with whom she works and is a life-long learner.”

Mrs. Tavitian earned a bachelor’s degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, a master’s degree from Claremont Graduate University, and an additional master’s degree in educational administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills. In all of Gabriela’s prior work, she has managed to lead robust instructional programs, successfully navigating students and teachers through the challenge of the pandemic while keeping the social-emotional side of students and staff at the forefront of her work. She has managed to keep teachers and students safe and implemented a balanced return to in-person instruction in East Whittier City. She also has always collaborated closely with her Superintendent and Board of Education. Gabriela led the way in developing equity for all students, families, and communities in her district. She has a keen sense of social justice that has served families

well. Gabriela's approach to her job can be characterized as truly professional. Gabriela has the insight to know what services are available to assist our staff, students, and families at both the district and community levels.

Mrs. Tavitian stated "I am so excited and honored to a work with our Board of Trustees in the leadership of the Lennox School District. Our mutual focus on accelerating student achievement in the district is incredibly appealing to me. I will work closely with our school board, our staff, and our community to get the work done in a transparent and collaborative manner, especially given the urgent situation we are in. "