



Fountain Valley School District
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Katherine Stopp Named Next Superintendent of Fountain Valley School District

Fountain Valley, CA, March 14, 2022: The Fountain Valley School District Board of Trustees named Dr. Katherine Stopp as the next Superintendent of the Fountain Valley School District effective April 1, 2022, pending Board approval on March 24th.

Katherine Stopp joined the Fountain Valley School District in July 2021 as the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services. Dr. Stopp has been an elementary teacher, K-12 Literacy TOSA, Elementary Principal, in addition to serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services in Manhattan Beach Unified School District. She has done substantial work in teacher collaboration, literacy, curriculum development, leadership, instructional coaching and rounds, principal mentorships, educational technology, and student assessment.



Dr. Katherine Stopp (center) pictured with (l-r) Trustee Sandra Crandall, Clerk Jeanne Galindo, President Pro-Tem Jim Cunneen, Trustee Steve Schultz and President Lisa Schultz.

Lisa Schultz, President of the Fountain Valley School Board, noted, “We are thrilled to have Dr. Stopp step into the role of Superintendent. She is an outstanding educational leader with proven results. Her leadership will help assure that our neighborhood schools remain among the highest in student academic achievement. She knows the strengths of our District - researched educational strategies, sound fiscal management, exemplary employees - and will continue to elevate our District based upon our core values and the strong foundations in place.”

Katherine Stopp reacted to her appointment, saying "I am honored to be the new Superintendent for the Fountain Valley School District and look forward to working collaboratively with the Board of Trustees, teachers, administrators, staff, parents and community members to continue to provide an unparalleled foundation for our students. We are an exemplary district and we will continue that spirit of excellence for many years to come. I am grateful for my next chapter with the FVSD Family!"

Dr. Stopp earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a business emphasis from the University of California Los Angeles, a master's degree in educational technology from Pepperdine University and a doctorate in teacher education in multicultural societies from the University of Southern California. She lives in Long Beach, CA with her husband, two boys and dog, Murphy.

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About the Fountain Valley School District

The Fountain Valley School District, founded in 1876, is comprised of 10 schools serving over 6,000 students from Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. Fountain Valley School District seeks to promote a foundation for academic excellence, mastery of basic skills, responsible citizenship, and a desire by students to achieve their highest potential through a partnership with home and community. To learn more about the Fountain Valley School District, visit our website at www.fvsd.us.