

LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS FINALIST FOR SUPERINTENDENT POSITION DR. RYAN LEWIS, RIVERSIDE UNIFIED



Lake Elsinore Unified School District

After conducting a nationwide 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 Lake Elsinore Unified School District Board of Trustees is honored to announce Dr. Ryan Lewis as the finalist to replace outgoing Superintendent Dr. Doug Kimberly.

The Lake Elsinore Unified Board of Trustees will consider a contract with Dr. Ryan Lewis and is expected to approve an offer of employment at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 7, 2022. Dr. Lewis is joined by his wife Sarah and their three sons in his commitment to the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. Dr. Lewis is currently the Assistant Superintendent

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of Curriculum and Instruction in the Riverside Unified School District, a post he has held for six years. Prior to that, Dr. Lewis served as an elementary, middle, and high school principal during a period of thirteen years in the Corona-Norco Unified School District. Dr. Lewis served as a teacher in CNUSD as well prior to his initial administrative assignment.

President Juan Saucedo stated, “After our extensive search and interview process with very strong competitors, we found Dr. Ryan Lewis. He was our clear selection among dozens of highly qualified leaders who applied, and those who received an interview. He is known for his commitment to building strong leaders within his district including students, staff, and parents. He strongly believes in building dedicated teams at all levels through the belief that every student has talent and potential.”

President Saucedo continued, “He is an excellent instructional leader and brings us new perspectives and an excellent vision for the District. His sincere desire to listen to all viewpoints and his relationships with parents and community have been excellent. His expectations for himself and others are very high and always centered on accelerating student achievement. He admires and respects the people with whom he works and is a life-long learner.” In Dr. Lewis’s own words, “Public Education can move mountains to benefit students and accelerate learning when all team members work collaboratively for the communities we serve”

In all of Dr. Lewis’s prior work he is known for being a charismatic leader whose strongest skill is his ability to collaborate with people and show empathy for their concerns. He led programs in both Corona-Norco and Riverside by successfully inspiring students with his strong belief that every student can and will learn.

Dr. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from St. John Fisher College, and a master’s degree in Educational Administration from California State University, San Bernardino. Additionally, he earned his Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne.

Dr. Lewis stated, “I am honored and excited to work with our Board of Trustees, district leadership staff, teachers, classified employees, and our community in the outstanding Lake Elsinore Unified School District. We will all work together to accomplish our goals in a transparent and collaborative manner. I am grateful for the leadership Dr. Kimberly provided for the past 10 years and look forward to joining the Lake Elsinore team in the near future!”