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**Fullerton Joint Union
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**Appointment of Principal at La Habra High School
May 27, 2022**

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Steve McLaughlin is pleased to announce (pending Board approval on June 14, 2022) the appointment of **Mr. Steve Garcia** as the **Principal at La Habra High School (LHHS)**. Mr. Garcia replaces Matt Eeles who is moving with his family to Tennessee.

Originally from Hacienda Heights, Mr. Garcia is completing his 20th year in education. Mr. Garcia has served as an Assistant Principal at Fullerton Union High School since 2015, most recently as the Assistant Principal of Instruction and Operations. Completing his sixth year as part of the Tribe, Mr. Garcia has served the FUHS community in multiple capacities as Assistant Principal and has provided oversight on the site budget, master schedule, special education, athletics, activities, student discipline, School Site Council, ELAC, professional development for staff, and technology implementation.

In addition to his experience at FJUHS, Mr. Garcia served as the Assistant Principal at Sierra Vista Middle School (SVMS) in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District from 2012-2015. During his time at SVMS, the school was recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School (2015), a Title I Academic Achievement Award School (2015), and Steve was recognized by the California Business for Education Excellence (2013) for raising student academic achievement. Prior to becoming a school administrator, Mr. Garcia was a social science instructor at Orange Grove Middle School (2001-2003) and Los Altos High School (2003-2012), and also served as Department Chair, ASB Director of Activities, and Athletic Director.

Mr. Garcia earned his Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from UCLA (2000), a Masters in Education from Whittier College (2010), and Administrative Services Credential from Cal Poly Pomona (2008), and the University of La Verne (2018). Raised by immigrant parents who emphasized education, Mr. Garcia and his three sisters earned college degrees which resulted in a "House Divided" (three UCLA Bruins and one USC Trojan).

Steve and his wife Andrea reside in West Covina with their two children, Aidan (16) and Audrey (11).

A transition plan will be put in place to allow Mr. Garcia to wrap up his duties at FUHS while also offering some time to work with Mr. Eeles throughout the month of June. Additionally, the District is finalizing open Assistant Principal positions throughout the District and anticipate making those announcements before the end of next week.

Please join us in congratulating Steve Garcia as he gets set to become the next principal at La Habra High School.

