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Anthony Monreal, Ed.D.
District Appoints Superintendent.



President Denis O'Leary of the Oxnard School District Board of Trustees reported out of closed session the evening of June 10 the appointment of Anthony Monreal, Ed.D., to serve as District Superintendent. Monreal, 49, has been Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the California Department of Education overseeing the School Improvement Division, the Special Education Division, and the Curriculum and Instructional Resources Division, encompassing the full continuum of education and related services in California public schools. The work of these divisions impacts individuals from early childhood to older adulthood.

Having a rich array of experience working in and with California public schools in the heart of our state's Central Valley, Oxnard School District officials look forward to benefiting from his wisdom and guidance. Dr. Monreal has served as a member of the state Federated Council of the California Interscholastic Federation, representing the Superintendents Council of the Association of California School Administrators. He also served as the Immediate Past President of the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators. Prior to being appointed Deputy Superintendent by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, Dr. Monreal served as the Superintendent of the Selma Unified School District from 2003 to 2007. He also previously served as Superintendent of the Wasco Union High School District from 1999 to 2003. Dr. Monreal possesses over 18 years of experience as an educator, serving as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and principal at both the elementary and high school levels, as well as superintendent.

Before becoming a district superintendent, Monreal was principal of Gonzales High School in Gonzales, CA from August to December 1999; principal of Dos Palos High School in Dos Palos, CA from 1997 to 1999; vice principal, principal, and site administrator at Caruthers Union Elementary School in Caruthers, CA from 1994 to 1997; assistant principal at Central High School in Fresno, CA; and, previously, a teacher at Tranquility High School in Tranquility, CA and at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, CA.

Dr. Monreal earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy, with a minor in Spanish, from St. John's Seminary College in 1983. He earned a master's degree in educational counseling from National University, San Diego in 1991, and a master's degree in divinity with an emphasis in Hispanic studies from the Pontifical Collegium Josephinum in 1988. He also earned a doctoral degree in education from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana in 2005.

“Dr. Monreal will bring extensive experience to the Oxnard School District. I believe that he is the leader that will advance our children in these turbulent times of state budget cuts and our ever increasing expectations. I am very excited that we will have Dr. Monreal serving our Oxnard community,” Board President Denis O’Leary said.

Dr. Monreal and his wife, Linda, also an educator, have committed themselves to the mission of public education. They are driven by the belief that a quality public education is a civil right’s issue for each and every child. Their philosophy is “*Juntos Podemos*”, Together We Can!

He will begin work at the Oxnard School District on July 16, 2009, and replace outgoing interim superintendent Janis Duran, who served commendably. Both Duran and Monreal will work side by side during a changeover period to ensure a seamless transition to begin July 1, 2009.

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