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Todd Cassen Recommended as Westview High School Principal

The Poway Unified School District is pleased to announce that Todd Cassen is being recommended for the position of Westview High School principal, beginning January 3, 2011. The PUSD Board of Education will be asked to ratify the selection at its next meeting on January 18, 2011.

Mr. Cassen has been serving as an area administrator/assistant principal at Westview High School, a position he has held since 2004. Previous to that he was a mathematics teacher, athletics director, and football coach at Westview High School from 2002 to 2004. Mr. Cassen was a member of the core team of educators who worked on Westview's vision, standards, and curriculum when the school opened in 2002.

PUSD Superintendent John Collins said, "Todd's proven leadership, knowledge of the Westview community, and firsthand knowledge of Westview's innovative and successful programs and practices makes him the perfect leader to support Westview's vision and learning community. He is an outstanding educator who will continue the strong college readiness initiative at Westview."

Mr. Cassen's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education from Long Beach State University, and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from National University.

"As a teacher, athletic director, area administrator/assistant principal and now principal I have seen the entire Westview community grow and develop together, and I look forward to continuing this partnership. I believe that Westview's vision of connecting all students to the campus, setting high standards, opening access to challenging course work, and providing student support structures sets a framework from which we will continue to focus our work," said Todd Cassen. "I am proud and honored to be Westview's principal and have the opportunity to work with the Westview community at one of the top high schools in the nation."

Mr. Cassen lives in the community of Carlsbad with his wife Amber and their two children; Haylee, age five, and two-year old Avery.

The position of Westview principal became available with the assignment of Dawn Kastner to fill the vacancy of principal at Mt. Carmel High School.

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