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Janet Bernard Selected as Turtleback Elementary School Principal

The Poway Unified School District is proud to announce the recommendation of Janet Bernard as principal of Turtleback Elementary School pending Board approval on May 24, 2011. Mrs. Bernard is currently interim principal at Turtleback, a position she has held since January 2011.

"I am so excited to have an opportunity to positively impact student learning at Turtleback," said Mrs. Bernard. "I'm looking forward to being part of a great staff and wonderful school community. This spring I had the chance to get to know the terrific Turtleback students. I look forward to inspiring learning and helping each student succeed."

Mrs. Bernard began her career in education as a music teacher in Carlsbad, California, where she also taught in grades kindergarten through middle school. She served as principal in the South Bay Union and San Marcos School Districts and as associate superintendent in the Little Rock (Arkansas) School District.

Mrs. Bernard worked in the Poway Unified School District for five years, where she held the position of director in Learning Support Services and Personnel Support Services. Her primary responsibilities included coordinating the PUSD Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program, the K-5 music program, and the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program, as well as developing Poway Unified's Cultural Diversity Plan and facilitating the elementary level mathematics adoption.

In addition, she served as Program Development Executive Director with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) International and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in the Del Mar Union School District.

Mrs. Bernard received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences and Music and her Master of Arts degree with emphasis in educational leadership and multicultural education from San Diego State University.

"We are very pleased to welcome Janet Bernard back to Poway," said PUSD Superintendent John Collins. "Janet's work at Turtleback this spring has begun a solid, professional connection with staff, parents, and students that inspires mutual respect and a strong focus on learning. Her experience and collegial manner fit with a school like Turtleback, where staff and parents work together to provide the very best opportunities for the students."

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