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New Superintendent to Lead Central School District into its Next Chapter

The Central School District Board of Education is pleased to name distinguished educator, Dr. Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, as the new Superintendent contingent upon successful contract negotiations, background checks, and final Board approval on April 8, 2021.

Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez's career spans twenty-five years as a teacher, principal, director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Since 2020, she has served as Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services in the Beaumont Unified School District. Prior to this role, Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez spent six years in the Adelanto School District as both Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer.

Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez's journey in public education began in the Rowland Unified School District teaching elementary students, serving as a literacy coach, and working as a support provider for beginning teachers. In 2006, she was hired in Chino Valley where she spent seven years as an assistant principal, elementary and K-8 principal, and director of curriculum and instruction.

Throughout Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez's storied career, she has undertaken an array of strategic initiatives and outreach that have created an environment of collegiality and teamwork with staff, families, and the community-at-large. Known for her visionary leadership, Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez has a strong track record of identifying district needs, raising achievement for all children, and providing viable solutions to meet the challenges presented. Her ability to listen, assess problems proactively, and lift others up are trademarks that will enhance Central's mission to strive for excellence while maintaining the family atmosphere that makes the district so unique.

"As we thoughtfully searched for Central's next superintendent, Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez's humility, energy, and focus on bringing all voices to the table made it clear to our Board that she is the right person for the job," noted Board President Kathy Thompson. "Finding an experienced leader with deep instructional roots and strong ties to the region will keep teaching and learning at the forefront of our work."

The Board extends its appreciation to Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez and the other applicants who showed an interest in the position. Trustees also want to express their gratitude to CSD employees, parents, community members, and the ESS search advisers for their valuable input throughout this process.

Mrs. Libutti will continue to serve as CSD's superintendent until her retirement at the end of June. She'll be working closely with the new superintendent to ensure a seamless transition for all involved. Looking ahead to her July 1st start date, Dr. Nguyen-Hernandez noted, "I am honored to be selected to carry on the good work and legacy that Mrs. Libutti leaves behind. With endless opportunities ahead, it brings me great joy to make Central my new home."