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Windsor Unified School District announces Jessica Borland as new
Coordinator of Child Development Programs

PRESS RELEASE

Windsor, California — Superintendent Jeremy Decker has announced that Jessica Borland has been selected as the new Coordinator of Child Development Programs for the Windsor Unified School District (WUSD). Borland has been a teacher in WUSD since 2004.

“It has become increasingly clear that if we want students to succeed in school, then we need to help them succeed before and after school,” Decker said. “Jessica is the perfect person to help set those foundations for kids and provide support for families. She is a ‘known quantity’ here in Windsor and we are excited about her taking on this new role. We feel it’s going to make a big difference for families in the Windsor Unified School District.”

Borland was born in Marin and grew up mostly between Alaska and California, settling in Santa Rosa when she was 14. She attended local schools, and after high school, moved to Windsor with her two young

boys. She started working towards a nursing degree, but was drawn to education and child development, and changed her major. While attending SRJC she ran her own family child-care business.

“My draw to education stems from my deep interest in human development and psychology,” Borland said. “I enjoy supporting families, and I'm passionate about social work. Building a strong '0-5 foundation' is crucial to lifelong education, it is fascinating to watch young children's developmental growth.”

Borland has a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Development with a Multiple Subjects Credential from National University and a Masters of Science in Educational Administration from the National University Stanford College of Education. She also has an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Development/ Education and has her Administrative Services Credential, Multiple Subjects Credential, Career Technical Education Credentials in Child Development, Education and Family Services, Business, and Construction, Child Development Site Supervisor Permit, and her Child Development Director Permit.

Borland started in WUSD in 2004, starting with a teen parent childcare opening at WUSD. She has worked in many roles within WUSD, is excited to return to early childhood education and childcare.

“There is a huge need for quality childcare in our community,” she said. “As a 20+ year Windsor resident I feel like I have a good relationship with many people throughout the Windsor community, this makes me a good fit to develop a community support program. My passion has always been 0-5 and supporting families, I am excited to be back in this field.”

While childcare is always an issue, Borland says it has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have lost numerous childcare slots due to COVID-19. My goal is to develop a solid childcare support system, and I hope this position will provide much needed childcare services for Windsor and the surrounding community,” Borland said. “We are looking into providing year-round childcare for younger children and before-and after-school care, summer and school break camps for school-aged students. The vision of this program will be based on the needs of the community. 2021-2022 is a planning year, 2022-2023 will be the first year of operation.”

Borland currently lives in Windsor with Sam, her spouse of 26 years, and her two younger sons, Shiloh and Atreyu. Her oldest son, Sebastian, and grandson Greyson also live in Windsor, in a

“sweat equity house” Borland helped build herself in 2000, through the Burbank Housing project. She loves gardening, hiking and quilting, and is currently working on a quilt for her granddaughter due late September.

“I love being in a small town where many families know each other, I love the Town Green and music nights. Windsor has a strong sense of community. There is so much nature to explore all around Sonoma County, it is a wonderful place to raise a family,” she said.

Windsor Unified School District is the only school district in Windsor, and is proud to represent the entire town, serving approximately 5,000 TK-12 students. Windsor is a vibrant, diverse community that takes great pride in its schools.

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