

Greenfield hires superintendent from within

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Kim Berman, a member of the administrative team at Greenfield Union School District, will take over as superintendent on July 1.

The district Board of Trustees voted unanimously last week to appoint Berman, an educator originally from Ohio.

She replaces [Doc Ervin, who is leaving at the end of the school year \(/story/news/2016/03/25/greenfield-schools-chief-leaving/82272412/\)](/story/news/2016/03/25/greenfield-schools-chief-leaving/82272412/) to become superintendent in the Bakersfield school district.

Greenfield schools chief is leaving

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Berman has served as assistant superintendent of educational services in Greenfield for the past two years.

The board approved a one-year contract at an annual salary of \$175,000, Berman said in a phone interview on Monday.

“As superintendent, I will continue building upon the foundation we have established over the last two years,” she said. “My top priority ... is to enhance the quality of our students’ education by increasing learning opportunities in Science, Technology, Math and the Arts to better prepare our students for post-secondary educational and career opportunities.”

Berman said among the progress made by Greenfield in her tenure are the creation of a coaching team for professional development of teachers, the Response To Intervention initiative, which saw the hiring of 32 instructional aides trained to work in small groups with children; these improvements have helped Greenfield improve its percentage of reclassifying students from English Learners to English Proficient from 8 percent to 11 percent – the state average.

Berman, who commutes to Greenfield from Pacific Grove, said she was a classroom teacher in Ohio for 10 years in the second, third, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. She has worked in districts with enrollments that range from 6,000 to 72,000, she said.

Greenfield is a K-8 district with four schools and an enrollment of 3,100. It is in the process of trying to unify the district by adding Greenfield High School and another 900 students, now under the direction of the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District.

In addition to bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education-related fields, she holds an administrative credential, and a doctorate from the University of Toledo.

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