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Berman to take over as Superintendent of GUSD



Kimberly Berman is set to take over the Greenfield Union School District Superintendent position on July 1. Samantha Bengston/ Juhhqfihog #Qhzv

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GREENFIELD A new Superintendent will be serving the elementary and middle schools beginning on July 1 and that person is Kimberly Berman.

Berman currently serves the Greenfield Union School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. She came to Greenfield two years ago from Ohio.

"I spent all of my teaching career and then some of my administration work in Ohio and then decided that I wanted to live by the ocean and work with our kids out in this area," said Berman.

When Berman is not working, she walks along the shore in Pacific Grove. Berman loves to go hiking in Big Sur, Point Lobos and similar areas. She loves the sun and to be outdoors. To stay healthy, Berman has a fitbit and uses it to make sure she gets her daily walking in not only on the coast but also on the Greenfield school campuses.

"I love being here," said Berman. "I feel very welcomed. Since the start, I feel like this community has embraced me in my position."

Berman said that the Greenfield community has been very curious about who was and in return she was curious about who they were. Since she has become better acquainted with the residents knows that they are fully dedicated to their children. "I think this is a community that is really invested in their 's education," said Berman. That's very evident from when have evening meetings and entire school really shows and wants to be there." Over the past weekend, Berman was present during the Parent College graduation ceremony which was the first group of parents to graduate from that program. Berman saw that the kids were clapping and applauding their parents and could tell that the kids were really proud of their parents' accomplishment.

Parent College will continue next year for the graduates.

In planning for the 2016-2017 school year Berman is strongly in favor of the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) approach and is even considering turning it into STEAM by adding arts programs.

"We need the students to excited about coming to school and we need them to have authentic experiences that help them use their math and reading," said Berman. "The more we can put science into that the more we can put arts, music and production into that."

Berman was offered the superintendent role on April and will be taking over the role from Harry