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New Principal and Assistant Principal for San Marin High School

Novato, CA...The Novato Unified School District (NUSD) is pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Sims has been hired as Principal at San Marin High School beginning July 1, 2017. Mark is currently the principal at Duarte High School and also serves as the district Director of Secondary Education. Mark brings a wealth of talent and experience with over 20 years in education, including previous jobs as the Instructional Director at Los Angeles Unified, Principal at Northview High School in Covina, and assistant principal positions at three high schools. Mark was an English teacher at Glendora High School, and previously taught English, Math and Physical Education at a middle school, while also serving as the Associated Student Body Director. Mark was selected as a teacher of the year and a principal of the year, and is very excited to move to Marin and working with the San Marin students, staff and parents. He has a wife, two children in college and two children in high school.

Mark Sims is replacing Adam Littlefield who accepted a position with Piedmont High School as their new principal beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Adam became principal of San Marin High School in 2011 and was instrumental in bringing the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program to the school.

NUSD is also excited to announce Diane Santamorena will become the new Assistant Principal to replace Leslie Norinsky, who is retiring. Diane is currently serving as an administrator on special assignment at San Marin, and previously was a science teacher at San Jose Middle School. Diane has a very interesting work history, starting out in the Navy and then owning her own business before embarking on a third career in education. Diane was a previous Golden Bell Award winner, and also served on the School Site Council, as Science Department Chair and a Beginning Teacher Support

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and Assessment provider for new teachers while at San Jose Middle School. She is very excited to begin her work at San Marin.

"We're very excited to have Mark and Diane join the team at San Marin. They both bring a wealth of experience to this 2017 Gold Ribbon School," commented Jim Hogeboom, NUSD Superintendent.

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