

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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News Release

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East Side Union High School District Superintendent Appoints New Administrators to Three Schools

Interim Superintendent Bob Nuñez announced the appointment of three administrators to the following high schools.

Principal, Independence High School

Bill Rice, current Principal at James Lick High School, was appointed Principal of Independence High School and will be transferring to Independence within the next three to four weeks. Staff, parents and students determined that the individual selected for the Principal of Independence High School, should possess the following qualities: a good team leader, an excellent communicator, and not only have had experience with East Side Union High School District, but also Independence High School. Bill Rice possesses all of those qualities. Bill has over 35 years of service in the district and over 6 years in administration. He was Villa Principal at Independence before being transferred to James Lick. Bill earned his bachelor's degree in English from University of Santa Clara and his Masters in Educational Administration from University of San Francisco.

Interim Principal, Oak Grove High School

Carol Blackerby has been appointed as the Interim Principal of Oak Grove High School. She will be Interim Principal until the selection process for Principal is completed. The same process used to fill the Principalship at Independence High School will be used for Oak Grove. District and site staff, parents and students will meet and decide to either transfer a current ESUHS administrator or to open the position to outside candidates. This process should take approximately two months. Carol Blackerby comes to Oak Grove High School with over 36 years of experience with the District and over 8 years of administrative experience. Carol's ability to adapt and jump in, has allowed the district not to miss a beat. Carol will move to Oak Grove High School within the next few weeks.

Interim Principal, James Lick High School

Rich Frias, current Associate Principal of Administrative Services at Oak Grove High School, will be assigned to James Lick High School. He will be coming to James Lick on an interim basis until a final selection for a Principal has been completed. Rich Frias is a strong instructional leader and comes to James Lick High School with over 28 years of experience in the District and over 15 years experience as an administrator. He was Associate Principal at Andrew Hill High School before transferring to Oak Grove. Rich earned his bachelor's degree and his Masters in Educational/Administration and Supervision from San Jose State University. Rich will move to James Lick High School within the next few weeks.

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