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District Hires from Within

The El Dorado Union High School District is pleased to announce the appointments of Ponderosa High School Principal **Christopher Moore** to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Director of Career Technical Education **Lisa Garrett** to the position of Principal of Ponderosa High School.



Moore will fill the position held previously by current Superintendent Christopher Hoffman, who had been covering this vacancy since November along with his role as Superintendent. Moore joined the El Dorado Union High School District in March 2006 as principal of Ponderosa High School in Shingle Springs. In addition to an Administrative Services Credential, Moore holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from UC Santa Barbara and a Master's degree in Education from UC Berkeley. He has overseen a number of transformations at Ponderosa. The school has seen its academic reputation grow. In fact, Ponderosa's state academic performance index (API) increased from 831 in 2006 to 853 in 2010. Moore says, "Thanks to our dedicated staff at PHS, we have more students ready for college and taking Advanced Placement classes than ever before." Moore further notes, "There is no single bright star here, but a team of stars. I am so proud of our team, our students, our parents, and our achievements." He further points out that the school participates in the developing district vocational, or career technical education, program for the career-minded student. Moore also notes that Ponderosa has been recognized as a California Distinguished School, nominated as a Blue Ribbon School, and ranks "ten of ten" by the California Department of Education among like schools. As former principal of Mills High School in San Mateo, Moore assumed the added responsibility for facilitating the implementation of a \$34 million campus modernization. So, at Ponderosa, he is no novice to the \$8.6 million campus modernization that began in 2008 as a result of the voter-approved Measure Q bond. Moore states that he will miss his school and the Ponderosa family, but is excited with becoming a part of a larger picture, to have a greater impact on the outcomes of students district-wide. Moore and his wife Alice have two children.



Lisa Garrett joined the district in 1998, at Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills. Her positions there evolved from teaching physical education, consumer and family education, and leadership to Activities Coordinator then Assistant Principal. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics from Brigham Young University and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from CSU Sacramento in addition to an Administrative Credential. In January 2009, she assumed the role of Director of Career Preparation at the El Dorado Union High School District Office. She has been responsible for guiding the development of the district's Career Technical Education Plan to better align its educational curriculum with today's technical workplace and to provide real-world contextual learning to fill high demand jobs with highly skilled applicants. Garrett states, "Assuming this position has been a fantastic experience. Career Technical Education (CTE) is a resurging area. It provides students with greater opportunities for career exploration in the technical fields and real-world application to their learning, better preparing them for ongoing education and participation in the workforce. CTE focuses on 15 industry sectors," Garrett notes, "We have been working towards establishing more technically defined career pathways for students in each of the various industry sectors through course concentrations and advanced training offered through our Regional Occupational Program. We are also working closely with the local business community and community colleges as integral parts of the process." She further adds that, "With all things being equal, and with the unlimited possibilities in the workplace, who knows what this exciting program will morph into. I hope I am still here to see what it finally evolves into." She notes that this experience will greatly enhance her ability to provide leadership at Ponderosa. "This gives me another perspective in what is needed to better educate our students. One size certainly doesn't fit all. I look forward to joining the Ponderosa team, their continual support, maintaining a strong communication and rapport, and returning, once again, to the school site. I look forward to the journey." Garrett and her husband Scott have six children and soon to be 11 grandchildren.

According to Superintendent Christopher Hoffman, these appointments are a win-win for the district. Hoffman states, "We have selected two outstanding professionals who bring high energy and high skill level to their leadership roles. With their appointments, we are able to maintain continuity, providing a seamless, upward momentum toward achieving our educational objectives and district goals."

Superintendent Hoffman also points out that, "As with every educational institution in the state, we are no different. These fragile economic times have forced us to tighten our belts and become more fiscally prudent to save dollars where we can. As a result, in conjunction with approval from our Board of Trustees, we were able to save five months' salary by my continuing to assume, through the end of the school year, the responsibilities of the vacant position of Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services in addition to the role of Superintendent. The appointment of a district administrator as principal of Ponderosa High School allows us to reduce a district-level administrator position. The vacant Director of Career Technical Education position will not be filled. These responsibilities will be shared among the remaining staff."

Both Moore and Garrett are expected to assume their new roles on July 1.