



TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Redwood, San Andreas, Sir Francis Drake, Tamalpais and Tamiscal High Schools

Two Tam District administrators to take on new roles in the District in the 2021-22 school year

Pending Board of Trustees approval at the regular meeting on May 25th, two veteran administrators will take on new roles in the 2021-22 school year.

Two Tamalpais Union High School District administrators will take on new roles in the 2021-2022 school year. The District has selected Dr. Liz Seabury to fill the temporary position of Senior Director of Inclusion, Instruction and Intervention, pending board approval. This Principal on Special Assignment (POSA) role is specific to learning loss mitigation due to the response to COVID 19. The POSA will work directly with the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong. LaSandra White, currently an assistant principal at Redwood High School, has been selected to serve as the first Interim Principal of Archie Williams High School (formerly known as Drake High School) in San Anselmo. Dr. Seabury and Ms. White will move to their new positions on July 1, 2021.

Dr. Seabury has been a principal in the Tam District for nine years and has deep knowledge of effective intervention strategies and program development. Dr. Seabury recently completed her doctorate in education leadership from University of Southern California. She has 19 years of educational leadership experience. Prior to working in the Tam District, she was a principal and assistant principal in the Campbell Union High School District.

With 26 years of experience in education as both a Social Studies Teacher and school administrator, Dr. Seabury has also worked as a professional learning trainer and consultant for both History Alive! Teachers Curriculum Institute and the International Baccalaureate Organization, North America. Her focus has been on curriculum and instruction development of teachers to create learning experiences for all students in the classroom. She has utilized this focus at Archie Williams to create a strong lens on instruction and classroom practices for equity. Dr. Seabury is excited to take her passion to the district level to create system-level interventions that allow for schools to better serve students who have not been as successful as we need them to be. Dr. Seabury stated, "The job of Principal of Drake/HS 1327/Archie Williams has been the most amazing experience. The students, staff and parents are the best and I am honored to work with them all. Ms. White is an outstanding leader and Archie Williams High School is fortunate to have her lead us into the next chapter!"

Currently, Ms. White serves as the Assistant Principal at Redwood High School -a role she has held for the past 18 years. She has been in the field of education for 25 years in a variety of roles, including Academic Workshop teacher, School Counselor and Assistant Principal. During that time, Ms. White has served Redwood and TUHSD in a variety of ways, through her involvement in teacher leadership, union negotiations, equity teams, Site Council and most recently on the Racial Justice

Task Force. During her tenure at Redwood, some of the areas LaSandra has overseen are Counseling/Wellness, Student Activities, athletics, facilities, student support services, attendance and discipline.

Ms. White stated, "After spending 25 years in this great district, I am ready to move into the role of Principal, and I am excited and honored to be the Archie Williams High School Principal. I look forward to getting to know and building strong relationships with the students, staff, parents and community partners in the Archie Williams community. I also look forward to continuing the great work around equity, restorative practices and providing an inclusive, supportive and safe environment so that all students can thrive academically and social-emotionally."

One of the most exciting aspects of her recent professional life has been returning to in-person instruction after being away from students for almost a year. Ms. White stated, "Supporting, motivating, building and maintaining positive relationships with students is what I truly enjoy and makes me excited to go to work every day. Not being around students throughout quarantine was definitely rough. It has been great being back on campus where students are better able to thrive academically and socially while also having direct access to support, both in and out of the classroom. This is truly why I went into the field of education, I love working with students and watching them learn and grow."

Ms. White started her career in education and adolescent mental health in 1996, as an academic support teacher at Redwood. The following year, she transitioned to the role of School Counselor, supporting the academic and social-emotional growth of students. In 2002, Ms. White made the move to administrator, taking on the role of Assistant Principal, where she has excelled, building strong relationships with students, parents, colleagues and community members.

Ms. White holds two Master's degrees - a Master's of Arts (M.A.) in Counseling from the University of San Diego and a Master's of Arts (M.A.) in Educational Administration from San Francisco State University. Prior to graduate school, LaSandra completed her undergraduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, earning a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Sociology. LaSandra is a lifelong resident of Marin County. She grew up in Marin City, graduated from The Branson School and has strong roots in the community.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to build an intervention team specific to supporting students to overcome the impacts of COVID 19 on their learning," said Tara Taupier, Superintendent of the Tamalpais Union High School District. Further, Taupier stated, "we are so fortunate to have strong, talented leaders within our ranks who can step into different positions and who are willing to take on new challenges. Dr. Seabury and Ms. White are strong leaders and advocates for students."

The recommendations above will come before the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 25th during the regularly scheduled meeting.