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#### **Redwood High School, Tamalpais Union High School District**

The Tamalpais Union High School District is excited to announce the selection of Barnaby Owen Payne as the next Redwood High School Principal. Mr. Payne will assume the position of principal on July 1, 2022 following the retirement of current Principal David Sondheim. Mr. Payne is a professional educator with 27 years of experience as a school principal and teacher. Driven by a vision for educational equity and striving to create anti-racist schools, he has a proven record of providing outstanding outcomes for all students in diverse contexts.

After an incredible three-year opportunity to work at the Kaohsiung American School (KAS) in Taiwan and pursue his doctoral studies, Mr. Payne returns to the Bay Area to continue his passion for public education leadership. Previously he has been the principal at the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts and Abraham Lincoln High School, both in the San Francisco Unified School District. He was recognized for the San Francisco Mayor's Principal of the Year award and has earned awards for public service from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. In his current role, he received a letter of commendation and an award from the KAS governing board for his outstanding service to the school through the COVID crisis.

Mr. Payne is a San Francisco native and a graduate of Lowell High School; he has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oregon, a Master's Degree in Education Administration from San Francisco State University, and is a Doctoral Candidate in Educational Leadership at East Carolina University. He is a former Stanford University Graduate School of Education Principals Fellow and SFUSD Superintendent's Fellow.

Mr. Payne's spouse is Jessica Wei Huang, an educational leader and professional consultant for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice in schools. They have two school-aged children and reside in San Francisco. Mr. Payne spent many years of his youth at the Ann Curtis Swim Club in San Rafael and hiking Mt. Tam as an Eagle Scout. He is still an avid swimmer and hiker who enjoys cooking, eating, music, art, travel, and watching the Warriors, Giants, and Forty-Niners sports teams.