

SAN PASQUAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Press Release



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San Pasqual Union School Board President Blaise Jackson, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, has announced the selection of Mark Burroughs to be superintendent/principal of the San Pasqual Union School District (SPUSD) effective July 1. Burroughs succeeds Shannon Hargrave, who is retiring June 30.

“On behalf of the entire Board, we look to Mr. Burroughs to maintain and build upon the accomplishments of his predecessors here at the District, and to leverage his developed expertise and multi-faceted community relationships to take SPUSD to higher levels of achievement and excellence. We are also grateful to the County Office of Ed for its assistance navigating a competitive recruitment and selection process,” said Board President Jackson.

Burroughs, a 2012 San Diego County Teacher of the Year finalist, currently serves as assistant principal for the San Pasqual Union School District. Before that, he worked for the district as a reading, writing, mathematics, science, and physical education teacher and professional development coach. Burroughs has trained SPUSD staff members on topics that include website development, electronic grade books, curriculum development, and professional learning communities. For several years, he also served as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Phoenix College of Education.

“We are so fortunate to have an amazing staff and wonderful families at San Pasqual Union. I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to serve them as SPU’s next Superintendent/Principal,” said Burroughs.

Before becoming an educator, Burroughs worked as a federal officer for the district courts in the Eastern District of Virginia and Southern District of California. He has been an active member in the community, coaching soccer, football, and softball. Burroughs serves on the San Pasqual Valley Planning Commission and volunteers at New Vintage Church in Escondido.

Burroughs earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in communications and theater arts from Wake Forest University. He later earned a master’s in cross-cultural teaching with a professional clear multiple-subject teaching credential from National University. He completed the administrative services credential program through the San Diego County Office of Education.