New principal announced for Orange Glen High School

Escondido, CA - At the May 10 Escondido Union High School District Board of Education meeting, the governing board named Michael Santos incoming principal for Orange Glen High School. He will begin his new role July 1, 2022.

Santos joins the district as an experienced administrator, serving as high school assistant principal in the San Dieguito Union High School District since 2014. Most recently, highlights of his experience include building student-centered environments, strengthening AVID programs, overseeing Advanced Placement, curriculum development, coordinating services for students with disabilities, and the support program for new teachers.

Prior to becoming an administrator, Santos taught Biology, AP Biology, and AVID for a decade. A San Diego native and Morse High School graduate, he is the son of two immigrant parents and understands the obstacles students face in pursuing higher education. He was awarded San Dieguito High School Academy Teacher of the Year in 2009 and the Ernest C. Mort Leadership Excellence Award in 1999 and 2001.

“Mike is deeply dedicated to serving the individual and collective needs of students,” said Superintendent Dr. Anne Staffieri. “His varied experience as an educator and his ability to establish and maintain a positive rapport with students, staff, and families make him an exceptional educational leader. We are thrilled to welcome him as the new Principal of Orange Glen High School.”

Santos holds a masters’ degree in Education from California State University, San Marcos and a bachelor’s degree in psychology and science from University of California, San Diego.

About Escondido Union High School District
The Escondido Union High School District has empowered students to graduate prepared for college, career, and life through excellence in learning for more than 125 years. The district serves more than 7,000 students across five high schools including: Escondido, Orange Glen, and San Pasqual, Del Lago Academy and Valley; as well as the Escondido Adult School. More than 900 staff members are employed by Escondido Union High School District, which offers more than 180 courses, including nationally recognized Advanced Placement courses, College & Career Technical Education, Independent Study, after school enrichment, career exploration, STEM opportunities, and more.