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Buena Park School District Welcomes New Emery School Principal

BUENA PARK, CA – Longtime educator Jeselle Mata has been selected as Charles G. Emery Elementary School's new principal, bringing 17 years of educational experience to the role and eagerness to build connections and foster a culture of success for all students.

Principal Mata has taught various grade levels including in public and private schools for South Whittier School District, Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Mata said her daily inspiration lies in providing a brighter future for young students.

“What excites me about Buena Park School District is the commitment to students,” Mata said. “The District is centered on educating the whole child and supporting students in discovering their strengths as future leaders.”

Principal Mata is trained in a variety of areas including Advancement Via Individual Determination to boost college readiness, Write from the Beginning for English language arts improvement, Cognitively Guided Instruction for student-centered math teaching, and Capturing Kids' Hearts for educator training and professional development in social-emotional learning.

“My focus as a school leader is to collaborate with parents, teachers, and staff to improve our school, our classrooms, and our students' learning,” Mata said. “My main goal for my first year is to connect with the community: building a bridge between home and school so that all families feel welcomed and supported at Emery.”

Principal Mata has a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism from California State University, Los Angeles, an administrative credential from Cal Poly Pomona, and a master's degree in education and multiple subject teaching credential from Loyola Marymount University.

When she is not working hard at leading Emery School, Principal Mata enjoys visiting Disneyland with her husband and three children.

“We are all so excited to welcome Principal Mata to the Buena Park School District community,” Superintendent Dr. Ramon Miramontes said. “We know her extensive experience, positive attitude and fantastic goals will fit Emery's atmosphere of success.”

PHOTO CAPTION:

PRINCIPALMATA1: Charles G. Emery Elementary School's New Principal: Jeselle Mata.

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