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New Finance and Technology Leaders Join LUSD

Lynwood, Calif. – Lynwood Unified School District welcomes two new administrators who are joining the district to fill key leadership positions in finance and technology.

Effective Feb. 23, Marlene P. Dunn joined the district as its Chief Business Official. She was introduced at the Feb. 24 LUSD Board of Education meeting. In April, Dr. Patrick Gittisriboongul will join the district as its first Chief Technology Officer.

“We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Dunn and Dr. Gittisriboongul, who are professionals of the highest caliber,” said Lynwood Unified Board President Maria G. Lopez. “I’m proud of the successes we’ve seen in this school district, and I know their talent and expertise will only help to take us to the next level.”

Dunn, who possesses more than 20 years of school business and finance experience, comes to Lynwood Unified after 15 years at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), where she was most recently Director of Business Advisory Services.

At LACOE, Dunn was responsible for fiscal oversight of 80 public school districts and other agencies with budgets totaling more than \$22 billion. Her duties included developing programs and policies in the areas of school district solvency, financial analysis, budgets and fiscal reports – all aimed at helping districts run efficiently and put more resources into the classroom.

Dunn will replace outgoing Chief Business Official Peter Wong, who plans to retire later this year. Wong remains on the district’s management team to ensure a smooth transition.

Gittisriboongul comes to Lynwood Unified from the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD), where he has served as Director of Educational Technology and Information Services. He has managed the daily operations and activities of the district’s information technology program for six comprehensive high schools serving approximately 16,000 students.

Having worked as a teacher and administrator in public schools and an educational web and software developer in the private sector, Gittisriboongul brings more than 15 years of experience in instructional and information technology to Lynwood Unified.

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As an educator, he has taught technology and computer applications in the classroom and also managed data and information services at the district level.

Chief Technology Officer is a new executive-level position that reflects the district's commitment to making the best use of data to pinpoint students' needs and eliminate barriers to their progress. Gittisriboongul will oversee the district's Research and Evaluation, Information Technology and Audio/Visual Media departments.

"Strong financial management and information technology programs are the underpinnings of student success in the classroom," said Lynwood Unified Superintendent Paul Gothold. "With our commitment to giving our students a top-quality education and the tremendous gains they have made, Lynwood Unified continues to attract the best and the brightest. Ms. Dunn and Dr. Gittisriboongul are outstanding additions to our executive team."

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