

Dear Employees and Community Members,

We are pleased to announce the conclusion of the search for our next superintendent/ principal. We have selected Matthew Morgan as our final candidate. At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, May 20th, the Board will review a contract and then take action to approve an employment agreement.

Using all of the input we received from so many people, the Board spent many long and thoughtful hours reading applications, matching qualifications for the position, developing interview questions based on the search criteria to identify a slate of candidates to consider. Our Advisory Committee worked very hard interviewing and discussing in detail the strengths and potential concerns of each candidate, and then providing suggestions for our consideration. A sincere and profound thank you to Taryn Kaiser, Amanda Jacobs, Teresa Raef, Stacy Kalember, Suzi Heron, Alissa Bushnell Tappan and Joelle Prather for their dedication to the process.

Our Board spent approximately eighteen hours interviewing and discussing six very excellent candidates. Ultimately Mr. Morgan was chosen from a highly qualified field following a very rigorous selection process.

Mr. Morgan is currently the Executive Director/Principal of Live Oak Charter School in Petaluma. Live Oak is a highly desirable K – 8th grade public school with almost 300 students. Prior to his current assignment at Live Oak, Matthew served as the assistant principal of Lawrence Jones and Mountain Shadows Middle Schools in the Cotati-Rohnert Park School District working with an emphasis on student support and positive school climate. Matthew is a collaborative and dedicated leader with a track record of assisting programs to expand their potential organically.

Matthew is married, has three children, and lives on a small farm in Sebastopol. Having grown up exploring the creeks and fields of Sonoma County, Matthew trained as a naturalist to share his love of nature with children. He studied Biology and Philosophy at Sonoma State University and gained teaching credentials from Dominican University. Matthew has significant teaching experience at the middle and high school level, where he taught Science, Math, Language Arts, Social Science, Drama, and Social Emotional Development. Matthew also brings extensive experience working with at-risk students.

Matthew is beyond thrilled to be joining the Harmony School District and is honored to be selected to serve as its next leader. He is well aware of its reputation and commitment to excellence in education. Matthew is well disposed to steward our endeavor to provide children a social and scholastic life that fully cultivates their sense of self, their connection to the world, and their capacity for learning and joy.

Although the official start date for Mr. Morgan will be July 1, he will be able to transition a few days before then.

The Board would also like to thank Rene McBride for her dedication and service to our school for the past nine years. The Board is grateful for her years spent striving to make a difference for children and adults here in Harmony, and wish her nothing but the best in the future.

We look forward to a smooth transition and are excited for Mr. Morgan to meet our outstanding students, staff, teachers, parents and community members.

Sincerely,

Steve Bair
Board President

HarmonyUnion School District

invites you to attend an
Open HouseReception
to

Welcome our new Superintendent/Principal

Mr. Matthew Morgan

Date

Time

Location