December 17, 2020

Dear Doyle Families and Staff,

On December 15, 2020, the SDUSD Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Mr. Armando Lopez to the position of Principal at Doyle Elementary. Mr. Lopez is currently Principal of Crown Point Junior Music Academy. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lopez was Site Administrator at Central Elementary in Imperial Beach from 2009-2017 and Assistant Principal at Mendoza Elementary in Imperial Beach from 2007-2008. Lopez holds a BA in Liberal Arts and MA in Education, both from San Diego State University.

The community’s hope and dreams for students at Doyle is to have a leader who can prepare students for success in middle school and beyond. An experienced, knowledgeable leader with strong communication skills, kindness and compassion. The community emphasized on academic excellence, and nothing else. Mr. Lopez has accomplished a 15% increase in student achievement and a Distinguished School award.

The community also wanted a leader who will provide an environment that is inclusive for all students, motivate and empower students to follow their dreams. The panel and the Area Superintendent both agreed to recommend Armando Lopez for Principal at Doyle Elementary school due to his experience and rigorous willingness to continue the success of student, educator and community growth at Doyle. He is familiar with Doyle’s diversity; experience with many languages and cultures.

Mr. Lopez demonstrated a high level of working with dynamic teams and will provide a fresh perspective to a learning community to move Doyle beyond their current achievement levels. He demonstrated knowledge of Doyle’s subgroups SWD, EL, Black youth, SED. His ability to meet the needs of all students focused on equity was clear, concise, and without excuses. He articulated a clear why for the high expectations he brings to Doyle. He is flexible and adaptive; creative in frequent opportunities class by class. Mr. Lopez was grounded in family connectedness and shared strategies for engaging parents.

During the walkthrough portion of the interview, Mr. Lopez’s instructional leadership shined. He was able to identify key strengths in the lessons as well as identify components of next steps and
clear ways of celebrating, opportunities for feedback and growth, as well as how he would partner with educators to meet their needs and how to leverage capacity at a site.

Principal Lopez is looking forward to meeting Doyle students, staff and community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this hiring process by helping to develop the site criteria. A very special thank you to our community and staff members who participated on the Community Interview Panel. Wish you a restful and safe winter break.

Sincerely,

Lamont Jackson
Area 2 Superintendent