

July 12, 2013

Dear Oxford Community,

Berkeley attracts top talent to its schools and classrooms, and as a result, we found an excellent replacement for Jen Corn, who informed you in June of her transfer to Thousand Oaks Elementary. Based upon both the recommendation of the ten-person interview panel and deliberations with my executive cabinet following our interview of the finalists, I am pleased to announce that we selected Elizabeth (“Beth”) Rhine as your new principal.

Ms. Rhine has been the successful principal of Crocker Highlands Elementary in the Oakland Unified School District for the past four years, and is well regarded by students, teachers, staff, and parents alike. She is known for being a collaborative leader with a deep knowledge of pedagogical practices, curriculum, and grade-level standards who is committed to ensuring the academic and social-emotional success of each child. Ms. Rhine believes that the principal should be the heart of a school, and a role model to staff, students, and parents. She works hard to meet those expectations each day.

After obtaining her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley in Psychology and working in grant administration for UC Berkeley for five years, Ms. Rhine launched a 16-year teaching career in the Oakland Unified School District. She established herself as an excellent teacher who worked to build strong relationships throughout the school communities in which she taught. She mentored new teachers, served on the School Site Council, led after-school reading interventions, and established herself as a leader, well before leaving the classroom to become a principal. In 2008, she earned her Administrative Credential at California State University, East Bay and completed one year as a “Resident Principal” before becoming Principal at Crocker Highlands.

With her many years in the classroom and strong interpersonal and communication skills, Ms. Rhine has demonstrated an outstanding ability to bring her entire school community together around a strong vision of a thriving classroom and school. I am confident that she will be an excellent educational leader for Oxford.

You are warmly invited to meet Beth Rhine at a reception on Saturday, August 10th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oxford School.

Sincerely,



Donald Evans, Ed.D.
Superintendent