

### ACTON-AGUA DULCE USD ANNOUNCEMENT

# VASQUEZ HIGH SCHOOL'S NEWLY APPOINTED PRINCIPAL



### A "Q & A" with Vasquez HS's New Principal, Dr. Paula Chamberlain!

Q: Welcome to AADUSD! You come to VHS with vast experience as an educator. What was your previous positions in education?

A: I have served as a teacher teaching Math and Science as well as reading for students 6-12 grade.

I have served as a school leader at Blair IB School 6-12, Pasadena High School, Don Benito Elementary, and Lakeview Leadership Academy 7-12. Prior to going into school leadership, I served as an instructional coach to focus on student learning and success in science and math.

#### Q: What attracted you to education as a career?

A: I have wanted to be a teacher since the 3rd grade. I had a wonderful teacher who was such an inspiration. It is important to me that we serve all students and ensure that they have access to college and career opportunities. I love watching our students grow into young adults who are ready to take on the world. I want to support them in their endeavors and ensure their success.

#### Q: What led you to move into administration?

A: It is a blessing to have the chance to influence and change a school culture where all students are supported. I appreciate having the opportunity to support our teachers and school staff to bring the most innovative instruction to our students.

#### Q: What attracted you to the VHS principal job?

A: I had the opportunity to serve as Interim Principal in the fall of 2021-2022 and fell in love with the school community and the surrounding area. I am honored to be chosen to work with the awesome staff and some of the most respectful students I have had the pleasure to serve.



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- Q: What has been your impression of VHS so far?
- A: This is a staff that cares about students and their success and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure their success both emotionally and academically.
- Q: Could you tell us what your main day-to-day responsibilities are?
- A: First and foremost, our students, their families, and our staff come first. I spend much of my time ensuring our students needs are being met and creating a safe learning environment for our students and staff.
- Q: Is there anything miscellaneous you'd like to share about yourself family, interests outside of your job, favorite books, movies, sports teams, etc.?
- A: I am married and the mother of 4 grown children and the grandmother of 6 amazing grandchildren. I love knitting and anything related to fiber arts. I like hiking and exploring and anything to do with the ocean. I am an animal lover too and have an African Gray parrot, 2 dogs, and 3 cats. I love reading and listening to music and listening to lots of books on Audible. Glad to share a little bit about myself.

WELCOME TO ACTON-AGUA DULCE USD, DR. CHAMBERLAIN!