



Los Alamos Public Schools

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Los Alamos Public Schools Promotions

Please welcome Lisa Montoya, Kelly Taylor, and Jill Gonzales into their new positions within the Los Alamos Public Schools.



Lisa Montoya has been selected to serve as the new Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, effective July 1, 2017.

Lisa Montoya has been employed with the District since August 2014 as the Chief Financial Officer and has brought with her over 17 years of business knowledge. She received a Business Administration degree from New Mexico State University.

As the Chief Financial Officer, Lisa's had the responsibility of overseeing and managing many different Central Office departments. These include the Business Office, Benefits, Human Resources, Food Services, Rentals, Fixed Assets, Leases, Maintenance, Custodial, Construction, Grounds, and Transportation. Lisa has grown tremendously as a leader and is fully prepared for this new position.

Lisa is happily married with two adult children and looking forward to serving Los Alamos Public Schools in her new capacity.



Kelly Taylor has been selected to serve as the new Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Accountability, effective July 1, 2017.

Kelly Taylor is a passionate, transformational leader who builds a shared vision and strong collaborative relationships. She brings experience as an educator, principal, and dean of academics to the District.

Kelly received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from West Texas A & M University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She began her education career teaching second grade in Amarillo, Texas. After Kelly and her family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, she earned her Masters' Degree in Educational Leadership, Foundations, and Research from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. While in Colorado, Kelly taught fourth and eighth grade, was a principal and dean of academics. Kelly joined the District as a second grade teacher at Aspen Elementary School in 2016.

First and foremost an educator, Kelly Taylor is known for her relentless focus and commitment to student and staff well-being and increasing achievement for each and every student. She is skilled in developing systems of support that ensure educators feel empowered to educate and guide students toward success and growth. Kelly plans to model a learner's stance and incorporate principal and teacher voice in her duties and responsibilities with Los Alamos Public Schools.

Over the course of her educational career, she has worked with teachers to develop curriculum maps and pacing guides as well as assessments used for each subject area and grade level. Her focus throughout her educational career has been student results and empowerment in their learning and accountability for all educational stakeholders.

Kelly looks forward to joining the Los Alamos Public Schools leadership and working together to build on the District's excellence.



Jill Gonzales has been selected to serve as the new Los Alamos High School Topper Freshman Academy Principal, effective July 1, 2017.

Jill Gonzales has served as Principal of Piñon Elementary School for the past seven years. She has 10 years of Administrative experience, which includes Assistant Principal of Bonita Vista High School in Chula Vista, California. Her teaching experience includes US History and AVID at Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach, CA, where she also served as Educational Advisor (Counselor) and Activities Director. Jill received a Bachelor of the Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University.

Jill is excited to join the Topper Team and is eager to bring her ideas and experience to support students and staff at the Topper Freshman Academy and LAHS. "It is my goal to make sure every student feels connected and successful at school", she says.

Jill lives with her husband, Greg, and their two children, Michaela (14) and Luke (12) -- both of whom attend Los Alamos Public Schools. She enjoys family time, watching her kids play sports, and traveling.

LAPS followed a thoughtful and fair hiring process for each position, with a strong pool of highly qualified candidates, and feel very confident as we move forward into this new school year.

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