



# Santa Ana Unified School District

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**SIERRA PREPARATORY ACADEMY**  
Ryan Ramirez, Principal

Stefanie Phillips, Ed.D., Superintendent

February 12, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to introduce myself as the principal of Sierra Preparatory Academy. I am proud to return to the school that I attended as a child to now become a part of the Sierra family and community. Even though I have only had limited interactions with the faculty and parents thus far, I can already tell that it is a unique and special place that is home to a dedicated, experienced staff and enthusiastic learners

I come to you with 17 years of experience as an educator. I spent 13 years teaching social studies and serving as the ASB Advisor at Will Rogers Middle School in Lawndale, California. Most recently, I was an Assistant Principal from 2015 at our neighboring school, Willard Intermediate. I am also proud to say that I was born and raised in Santa Ana and am a product of the Santa Ana Unified School District, having attended Roosevelt Elementary, Sierra Intermediate, and Century High School. After graduating from Century High, I obtained my Bachelor's degree and Teaching Credential from the University of California, Irvine, studied abroad at the University of Barcelona, and obtained my Master's degree and administrative credential from the California State University, Long Beach.

I plan to spend time working with the Sierra staff, students and families to ensure a smooth transition. I will get to know our school, our community, and familiarize myself with the unique needs of Sierra. I believe wholeheartedly that every student deserves a quality education and that only happens when the school and the families work together for the best interests of our children. With that in mind, you are invited to become an active participant at Sierra Preparatory Academy. Whether you would like to assist our staff, attend workshops at our Wellness Center or be a member of our School Site Council, I encourage you to get involved!

I am truly honored to be given this opportunity and look forward to immersing myself completely in our school and in our community. I believe my main responsibility is to put our teachers in the best possible position to succeed, as they will in turn put our children in the best possible position to excel academically and socially. I look forward to meeting all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. I look forward to having a long and rewarding relationship with you and your family.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of Ryan Ramirez.

Ryan Ramirez  
Principal, Sierra Preparatory Academy

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