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Lauren Paule Sheahan Appointed Samohi House Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Lauren Paule Sheahan as a new Santa Monica High School house principal at its June 28, 2018, regular board meeting.

Paule Sheahan brings more than twenty-five years of experience in public education, where she has served as a world language teacher, dean of instruction, and assistant principal. For the past ten years, she has served as principal at a large, comprehensive high school with 2,600 students and 200 staff members in the Deer Valley Unified School District in Arizona.



Her position with SMMUSD is effective July 1, 2018.

“I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the team devoted to the success of our students, support of our staff, and spirit of our community,” said Paule Sheahan. “I am committed to creating an environment in which professionals are empowered by their work, students are eager to learn, and are prepared to meet future goals and challenges.”

Sheahan’s work has included leading efforts to create college and career pathways for students, implement a Global Studies program for the 21st Century, and spearhead 1-to-1 technology-rich learning tools for all students. Under her leadership, her high school was named a School of Distinction for Excellence in Civic Engagement by the Arizona Department of Education and was designated a US News and World Report “Best High Schools in the Nation” Silver Award three years running.

She was a finalist as the Deer Valley Unified School District Principal of the Year in 2016 and 2017.

Ms. Paule Sheahan earned a Bachelor of Arts in French, Spanish, and dance from Colorado State University and a Master of Arts in Education, Administration, and Supervision from the University of Phoenix.

“We welcome Ms. Paule Sheahan to SMMUSD,” Superintendent Drati said. “I believe she will be a great addition to our leadership team.”

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