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### **Ixchel Sanchez Named New Principal of Brea Olinda High School**

**BREA, Calif.** - The Brea Olinda Unified School District (BOUSD) Board of Education has appointed Ixchel Sanchez as the new principal of Brea Olinda High School. She will take the helm following the fifteen year principalship of Jerry Halpin, who will be taking on a new position at the district office supporting the Educational Services Department. The district would like to thank Jerry for his dedication and service to the students and staff of Brea Olinda High School. Sanchez will begin her new position on July 1, 2018.

Superintendent Dr. Brad Mason made the announcement and introduced Sanchez at the Monday evening Board of Education meeting.

"Ixchel Sanchez has exemplified the characteristics required to extend Brea Olinda High School's excellence in academics, the arts, athletics and every area of the school," Superintendent Mason said. "We are fortunate to have Ixchel join the BOUSD family."

Sanchez has worked in education for 20 years and is currently serving as assistant principal of Warren High School in Downey. During her tenure at Downey Unified, Sanchez has held many roles including English teacher, English Language Development (ELD) coordinator, WASC coordinator, athletic coach, Vice Principal and Assistant Principal.

Sanchez has a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Irvine, a master's degree from the University of LaVerne, a CBO Certification from the School of Business Management at the University of Southern California, and is currently working on her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at the University of Southern California.

When asked about how she felt about her new role, Sanchez stated, "I am honored to be selected as the next principal of Brea Olinda High School and look forward to meeting all students, staff, families, and community members." She also said, "I believe that the heart of Brea Olinda High School is focused on doing what is best for all students and I am honored to be a part of the team that will continue to do this in the future!"

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