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### **Brea Olinda Unified School District Appoints New Principal at Olinda Elementary School**

**BREA, Calif.** - Brea Olinda Unified School District (BOUSD) Board of Education has appointed Dr. Preetom (Pree) Bhattacharya as the new principal of Olinda Elementary School.

"It is an absolute honor to welcome Dr. Bhattacharya to our BOUSD family," said Brea Olinda Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Brad Mason. "His leadership, proven commitment to staff and students, and positive energy will continue to move Olinda Elementary in a positive, innovative, and student-focused direction."

Dr. Bhattacharya has worked in education for over 12 years, serving multiple roles throughout his career including a math, chemistry and AP environmental science teacher, Teacher on Special Assignment, and Educational Services Coordinator. Most recently, Bhattacharya served as the assistant principal at Sowers Middle School in Huntington Beach City School District. His experience includes leading professional learning communities and teacher trainings, coordination of mental health support and threat assessment program, master calendar development, and general oversight of all school operations.

Dr. Bhattacharya has a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California, a master's degree from Alliant International University and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fullerton.

Dr. Bhattacharya stated, "It is an honor to join the students, staff, and parents of Olinda Elementary. I believe that the heart of Olinda 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 enhance a thriving community of young scholars."

Dr. Bhattacharya will assume his position with BOUSD before school resumes for the 2019-2020 school year.

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