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Jennifer Martinez selected as Principal of Red Hill Elementary School

District and community leader excited to directly lead and inspire students and staff to achieve their dreams through a love of learning

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced today that Jenn Martinez has been selected to lead Red Hill Elementary School (RHES) in Gypsum. For the last several years, Martinez has served as the director of programs for the largest youth serving organization in Eagle County: YouthPower365. She was recognized with the YouthPower365 Coaching Champion Award in 2020. Prior to that, Martinez was the Director of Gifted Education with Eagle County School District. In that role, she received the Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented Administrator of the Year in 2017.

“We’re excited to welcome Jennifer back to the school district as the leader of Red Hill Elementary,” said Superintendent Philip Qualman. “Her educational leadership experience and support of students from two distinct but symbiotic perspectives will serve the Gypsum community very well.”

The interviewing process for Principals includes panel interviews involving representatives from all stakeholder groups a candidate will interact with as Principal, followed by community meet-and-greet opportunities. Community members are encouraged to provide written comments on candidates to inform the hiring decision. Comments on Martinez noted her enthusiasm, approachability, and authentic interest in becoming a “Bear Cub.” In keeping with the district’s hearts and minds philosophy, many commenters said she had the “heart for this school” and would be the “perfect fit.” Support was uniform across parents, staff members, and students.

In the interviewing process, Martinez noted that the district’s focus on the hearts and minds of students, staff, and families along with its focus on equitable learning opportunities are part of what attracted her to the opening.

“Children need to learn and solidify fundamental understandings through inspiring learning opportunities in a caring environment supporting social-emotional growth now more than ever,” said candidate Jennifer Martinez. “I believe in high standards, equity, and rigor to ensure academic achievement for all students.”

Martinez has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Spring Hill College, a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and an Educational Leadership endorsement.

Philip Qualman

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Prior to becoming the Director of Gifted Education, Martinez served as a teacher and master teacher.

Join us in welcoming Jennifer Martinez as Principal of Red Hill Elementary School beginning in the 2021-22 school year.

