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Upland Unified appoints Lynn J. Carmen Day as Superintendent

UPLAND, CA – The Upland Unified School District (UUSD) Board of Education is pleased to announce the hiring of Lynn J. Carmen Day as superintendent of schools, effective July 1. Carmen Day brings 28 years of experience as an educator and administrator, most recently as Chief Academic Officer for the Riverside Unified School District since 2014.

Her selection as superintendent culminates an extensive search following the announcement last November that Dr. Nancy Kelly would retire at the end of the current school year. Dr. Kelly has served as superintendent since 2013.

“Lynn is an ideal choice to lead our extraordinary team and build on the successes we’ve achieved as a district these past several years,” said Linda Angona, president of the Board of Education. “Her energy, excitement and emphasis on student success, building strong relationships throughout the community and responsible financial management fit perfectly with what we were looking for, and the priorities identified by our stakeholders and partners.”

Carmen Day said she looks forward to dedicating her “leadership, experience and heart” to Upland.

“I’ve always appreciated the sense of community that exists here. Together we have mutual ownership in the success of our kids – creating relevant opportunities for them to succeed,” she said. “My core belief is that all students can achieve and excel at high levels regardless of background. I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to tap into the talents and commitment of teachers, staff and stakeholders throughout the district and community.”

At Riverside Unified, Carmen Day has forged strong partnerships with a wide variety of stakeholder groups and has instituted procedures, practices and policies to close opportunity and achievement gaps. The district touts the highest graduation rate in Riverside County. African American students have closed the gap in A-G completion rates for acceptance into the University of California and Cal State University systems, and Hispanic students also have shown extensive academic growth over the past six years.

Before joining Riverside Unified, Carmen Day was assistant superintendent for educational services at the Covina-Valley Unified School District, and had served as principal of California High School in Whittier and Northview High School in Covina. She began her career as a high school teacher, and head basketball and track coach.

She earned her bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from Azusa Pacific University.

Carmen Day and her husband have five children.

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About UUSD

Upland Unified School District has a student body of over 10,500 students within 14 schools, of which 9 are California Distinguished Schools. For more information about the Upland Unified School District, please visit www.upland.k12.ca.us.