

## Queen Creek Unified School District Names New Principal for Desert Mountain Elementary School

**QUEEN CREEK, AZ**— Dr. Perry Berry, Superintendent of the Queen Creek Unified School District (QCUSD), and the QCUSD Governing Board have named Mrs. Erin Pillsbury as the new principal of Desert Mountain Elementary School (DME). The hiring of Mrs. Pillsbury was approved at the April School Board meeting. Erin replaces Mr. Jim Richardson starting in the 2020-2021 school year.

“We are excited to have Erin officially join the QCUSD family. After serving as Dean of Students at another QCUSD elementary school, it was evident that Erin’s experience and energy are a great match for our district and the DME team,” said Dr. Berry.

This is Erin’s seventeenth year in education. She has taught special education preschool and kindergarten. She moved out of the classroom to be an instructional coach for students in grades kindergarten through six, then began her current position as Dean of Students at Queen Creek Elementary.



“I am so excited and grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Desert Mountain community and the growing Queen Creek Unified School District,” said Erin.

Mrs. Pillsbury and her husband live in Gilbert, on the border of Queen Creek, with her two dogs. They have two children; Eli who is out of college and getting married this fall and Karly, who is finishing her degree in elementary education at NAU this semester. Erin is originally from Indiana but has lived in Arizona for twenty-five years!

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Queen Creek Unified School District supports the development of the whole child by modeling positive academic, social, and emotional learning through an innovative and challenging curriculum. Learning is maximized by empowering the community, and its members, to partner with us to create safe and secure learning environments for all students. Queen Creek Unified School District expects their students to be successful, compassionate, and productive in their learning so that the next generation of ethical citizens can lead our community both locally and globally. Connect with Queen Creek Unified School District on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube & Peachjar.