

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

**QUEEN CREEK, AZ**— Dr. Perry Berry, Superintendent of Queen Creek Unified School District (QCUSD), and the QCUSD Governing Board have named Mrs. Elyse Torbert as the new principal of [Queen Creek Elementary](#). The hiring of Mrs. Torbert was approved at the March School Board meeting. Elyse replaces Mrs. Chasity Cruz who has been named the principal of Katherine Mecham Barney Elementary School (KMBE), QCUSD's newest school, starting in the 2020-2021 school year.

"We are fortunate to have Elyse join the QCUSD family. Elyse's skills and experience are a great match for our district and the QCE team," said Dr. Berry.

Mrs. Torbert has more than 20 years of experience in public education. Since moving to the East Valley in 2017 to be closer to her family, Elyse has worked as Assistant Principal/Director of Curriculum in another East Valley school district. Prior to moving to Arizona, Elyse lived in Massachusetts where she worked at two large, urban-suburban high schools just west of Boston. Mrs. Torbert has taught both Math and English, been a director for a tiered intervention program supporting at-risk students, and served as a vice-principal, associate principal, and principal. Serving as an educator comes naturally for Elyse as her mother was an elementary school teacher and reading specialist.



"I am excited to tackle the new challenges and opportunities ahead in leading Queen Creek Elementary," said Mrs. Torbert.

Elyse and her husband have two children. Keilani, age 7, is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and an avid reader while Kainoa, age 3, her younger brother is in pre-school and a full-time charmer.

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