

Queen Creek Unified School District Names New Principal for Jack Barnes Elementary

QUEEN CREEK, AZ— Dr. Perry Berry, Superintendent of Queen Creek Unified School District (QCUSD), and the QCUSD Governing Board have named Mrs. Dawn Kennaugh as the new principal of Jack Barnes Elementary (JBE), a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. Mrs. Kennaugh’s hiring was approved at the May 14, 2019, QCUSD Governing Board meeting. She will take over for Mrs. Laura Valenciano who is retiring after this school year.

“Dawn comes highly recommended and has many years of experience as a principal,” said Dr. Berry. “Her years of experience make her an excellent choice for this school.”

Mrs. Kennaugh earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and her Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Central Michigan University. A Michigan native, she taught first grade (8 years), kindergarten (3 years), and fourth grade (3 years) in two Michigan districts before accepting a position as an elementary principal in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Dawn has served as principal for the past nine years.



“I am very excited about joining the QCUSD family,” said Mrs. Kennaugh. “I look forward to working with such a warm and welcoming staff.”

Dawn and her husband, Toby, have two daughters: Taylor, 21, and Abby, 17. When not working, Dawn enjoys reading, watching college football and basketball, and spending time with family and friends.

About QCUSD

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. To learn more about the district, visit [Queen Creek Unified School District](#) website. **Connect with** Queen Creek Unified School District on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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