

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Solana Beach School District Superintendent Brentlinger to Retire

SOLANA BEACH, CA (September 29, 2023)— After serving the last five and a half years as the superintendent of <u>Solana Beach School District</u> (SBSD), Jodee Brentlinger has announced plans to retire on January 2, 2024, after more than 35 years in public education.

"My time in SBSD has afforded me the opportunity to combine my passion for students with phenomenal teachers, support personnel, leadership, an active and supportive parent community, and a dedicated Board of Education; all equally focused and committed to student success." Brentlinger said.

"Over her tenure in SBSD, Superintendent Brentlinger has prioritized the involvement of students and a desire to hear 'student voices', which is evident by the revised mission and first ever district vision and student promotion profile. She has maintained the importance of honoring the District's commitment to voters by fulfilling the reconstruction or modernization of all seven school campuses and has improved communication systems and structures across the organization. Superintendent Brentlinger will be greatly missed, however we are grateful her legacy leaves the District in an excellent position to continue and build upon her accomplishments under new leadership," stated Board President Debra Schade.

Brentlinger shared her plans to retire in a video to families stating, "I have a family that I have been physically separated from for an extended period of time," she continued, "as one who advocates family must always come first, it is time for me to live that out for myself."

The Board of Education will begin the process of soliciting and interviewing executive search firms to find her successor. Board President Schade added, "during the search process, staff, families, and the community will be invited to provide valuable input regarding the characteristics desired of a new district leader."

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ABOUT THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Solana Beach School District, nestled on the north coast of San Diego County, serves approximately 2,800 students. Instruction is rich, varied and innovative. Our emphasis is on core standards instruction provided through a continuous progressive curriculum. District schools consistently rank at or near the

top in district, county and state accountability measures. Our students and schools have received numerous awards and have been recognized at county, state and national levels for a variety of accomplishments. Working together, our mission focuses on providing a safe space where learners find their voice, share their gifts, and advance the world. Unified is our district, centered on inspiring wonder and discovery in learning and life.