

Community High School District 94

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Community High School District 94 Names New Superintendent

Mr. Lalo Ponce has accepted the offer to become our new Superintendent on July 1, 2009 pending the finalization of his contract agreement to serve the District. “Mr. Ponce is currently Assistant Superintendent at School District U-46 and is highly qualified and prepared to lead our school district,” said Tony Reyes, President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Ponce will succeed Lee Rieck who announced his retirement earlier this school year. Ponce joined the U-46 schools in July of 1993 as Area Superintendent following a career in the Dallas Public Schools where he served as classroom teacher, principal, executive director and area director. Ponce taught Spanish, Social Studies, and Marketing in several high schools in Dallas. He also served as the principal of two elementary schools and a high school. He supervised principals and was responsible for designing and implementing programs which led to improvement in achievement scores and greater parent and community engagement. He provided administrative and programmatic leadership in designing and communicating the District’s instructional program and monitored its delivery. Mr. Ponce also led the screening, selection, and utilization of instructional materials to support the implementation of the District’s curriculum, approved and monitored the planning and day-to-day operations of the elementary and secondary schools and guided the implementation of the District’s policies and procedures, including personnel and budget allocation, class scheduling, class size, student activities, and other activities involving the successful operation of the district schools. He coordinated and monitored various school accreditation models. Mr. Ponce also led and served on numerous bargaining teams.

“Mr. Ponce has demonstrated that he will be a visible education leader and his past speaks volumes to his commitment to the communities he has served,” Reyes said. Mr. Ponce has been and is a member of numerous civic and professional organizations and committees which include AASA., Board of Directors 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts of America, Partners With Youth Campaign for YMCA, Board of Directors Head Start, Board of Directors for Camp Fire, Board of Directors Childcare Initiative, Chamber of

Commerce and currently Mr. Ponce serves as the President of the Dads Association of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Mr. Ponce received a Bachelor and a Masters Degree from The University of North Texas and also attended Western Illinois University, Loyola University, and The University of Texas-Austin.

“I look forward to working with the Board of Education in continuing to build on the commitment to students established at Community High School.” said Ponce. “When appointed, I will begin with a focus on parent and community engagement.”

“Mr. Ponce has a strong commitment to the community as is witnessed by the deep involvement he has demonstrated over the years”, said Tony Reyes, Board President. “He has exceptional analytical, planning and organizational skills necessary to chart a course for the district. He is a good communicator, collaborative, and feels strongly about establishing a culture of customer service to our school, parents, and the community at large. He will be highly visible and a strong advocate for our students and staff. Lalo is an excellent choice for D94.”

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