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**DR. STEVEN KELLER MOVES TO TOP SPOT IN
REDONDO BEACH**

Dr. Steven Keller, LBUSD Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services has accepted the Superintendent of School's position at Redondo Beach Unified School District. Dr. Keller, who was well regarded for his work ethic, educational expertise, and quick wit, has been a valued member of the LBUSD family since he came from Baldwin Park USD in Los Angeles County in 2001.

Robert Whalen, LBUSD Board of Education President, applauds Dr. Keller's contribution during his time with our District, "We will miss Dr. Keller greatly as he has done an outstanding job for the District, but we are very pleased that he has been selected as the Superintendent in Redondo. He has handled our labor negotiations skillfully and has incorporated many improvements into our curriculum. We are confident that he is leaving his areas of responsibility in great shape and that his successor will hit the ground running and pick up where Dr. Keller has left off. We wish Dr. Keller all the best with his new District."

Dr. Theresa Daem is pleased that Dr. Keller received the top nod for Superintendent, but is also sad to see him go since he was an integral part of our LBUSD team, "He has been a great assistant superintendent and he is going to be a great superintendent. The obvious things are he is extremely hard working and has an excellent educational background and preparation, but beyond that he is just a great guy. He cares much, works hard, and really loves what he does and he loves making a difference. He's got it all put together."

Dr. Keller enjoyed his time working in the Laguna schools and the unique contributions this small community had to offer, "Laguna Beach embodies the very success of the whole child... there is a simple celebration of aesthetic pleasure, academic prowess, and athletic power within the heart of this community. The extended learning community in Laguna Beach has been my home for nearly five years. It is with gratitude that I thank those that made my experience here professionally progressive and personally powerful. I will carry this with me as inspiration in my new community. The contributions of my colleagues, the warmth of the families, and the contagious laughter of children in Laguna Beach has fostered my growth as an educator. This wealth is immeasurable. I have learned a great deal about myself and my dreams by becoming a part of this community."

The Redondo Beach USD has eight thousand students and twelve school sites. Dr. Keller begins his superintendence on July 1, 2006.