

Dear PVSD Community,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new Director of Human Resources and to continue to serve the Pleasant Valley School District in this new role.

I am joining the Certificated Human Resources team with twenty-one years of experience in public education, the last sixteen of which have been in PVSD. I have served as the Asst. Principal at Monte Vista Middle School, Principal at Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts and Monte Vista Middle School, and as the Interim Director and Director of Special Education. Each of these experiences has increased my knowledge of different facets of education, preparing me to now serve in this capacity. I believe strongly in relationships and supporting one another to arrive at the best possible outcomes for students. I also firmly believe in creating conditions and providing supports for educators so that they can be successful and provide high-quality instruction in a safe and nurturing environment for all students.



I am fortunate to live in this community with my husband of nearly 12 years, Jason, and we love spending time with our family, especially our two nieces, Alina and Miesha, who are PVSD students as well. We can often be found at the beach camping, *living* at the soccer fields certain times of the year, and attending concerts and sporting events. I know in my time in PVSD I have had the privilege of running into many of you around town and it is one of my favorite things about working within the community that I live – that I get to encounter families outside of school and enjoy a more well-rounded view of who they really are and the goals that we share for our students.

I look forward to serving the Pleasant Valley School District and community. As we learn and grow together, let's continue to create wonderful experiences for students and support a community of learners who will help shape the future.

In partnership,

Katie Burchell  
Director