



Burlingame School District

Press Release

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May 30, 2008 – This morning at a special meeting of the Burlingame School District Board of Trustees, by unanimous vote; the Board approved a new three year contract with Dianne Talarico to become the next superintendent of the Burlingame School District.

Ms. Talarico comes to Burlingame from the Santa Monica-Malibu School District where she has served as superintendent since 2006. Prior to assuming that role, she served as superintendent of the Canton, OH School District for five years. Ms. Talarico began her career in Ohio as a special education teacher. Early in her career, she relocated to San Francisco and spent almost twenty years with the San Francisco Unified School District where she was a middle school principal, special education program consultant and Director of the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program. During her last 3 years in San Francisco, she served as an Associate Superintendent of the district, responsible for 77 elementary and middle schools. Additionally, Ms. Talarico spent a year as principal of the American Overseas School in Rome, Italy and has taught child development at San Francisco State University.

Ms. Talarico received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Bowling Green State University and a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from San Francisco State University.

Ms. Talarico's administrations in both Santa Monica-Malibu and Canton have overseen major reconstruction bond projects. During her time in both districts, voters approved new tax levies. Ms. Talarico has been characterized as a "passionate child advocate" whose primary goal is to be a champion of children. She has testified in front of Congress as an expert in special education. Additionally she has developed a set of actions to move schools into the 21st century based on the premise that in 18 years, in 2025, our kindergartners, equipped with higher education degrees, must be prepared to enter a different workforce than in the past.

Michael Barber, President of the Board of Trustees, commented: "We are very pleased and excited to welcome Dianne to the Burlingame School District. The Board and members of the school community are looking forward to working with her as we all work to advance the best interests of Burlingame's students."