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Dominic Bejarano to become Principal of Bret Harte Middle School

June 3, 2007, San José, CA. Even though both of these gentlemen have been coaches, I don't believe anyone has ever quoted either Dominic Bejarano or Don McCloskey as saying, "Win one for the Gipper." But as testing time comes around to San Jose Unified's Bret Harte Middle School next spring, this phrase may be shouted loud and clear by Dominic Bejarano as he will be the head coach for Bret Harte Middle School assuming the role of principal on July 1, 2007. After serving as principal of Bret Harte for the past 5 years, Don McCloskey will be heading for San Jose Unified's District Office to assume the responsibilities of Director of Student Services.

San Jose Unified Board Trustee Leslie Reynolds stated, "*As principal of Bret Harte Middle School, Don McCloskey has been truly dedicated to the students and community of Bret Harte. I congratulate Don on his new position as Director of Student Services! Dominic Bejarano brings a new set of leadership skills to Bret Harte. We welcome him to the Bret Harte community and look forward to continuing to build a strong well-rounded academic learning environment for our students.*"

Mr. Bejarano is currently the Assistant Principal of Guidance at Gunderson High School. Being the coordinator of the Special Education Program at Gunderson, Dominic brings indepth knowledge of programmatic challenges and solutions with him to Bret Harte. Prior to his role in administration Dominic taught all levels of high school mathematics. Middle School experience is also part of Mr. Bejarano's career. He has been the principal of SJUSD's 2006 Middle School Summer Program at John Muir and taught four summers at Britton Middle

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School in the MATRIX program, an accelerated math program. Dominic also has a litany of coaching experience, from Head Coach for Gunderson's Varsity Baseball to continued volunteer coaching for Pop Warner Leagues, Dominic continues to show his ability to build assets in students on and off the field.

When asked of his vision for Bret Harte, Dominic commented, *“As Bret Harte’s leader, I envision continuing the ongoing success Bret Harte community has established, dialogue with all stakeholders to continue meeting the needs of the Bret Harte students, and provide a welcoming and caring atmosphere for students, staff, and parents. Also, I envision our school maintaining its high academic excellence as well as focusing on our children being well-rounded individuals. Lastly, our school will continue to be culturally aware and sensitive to our diverse student body.”*

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