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The Lions will Continue to Roar!

June 6, San José, CA. As of July 1st the Lincoln pride will be under the leadership of Principal Jackie Zeller. Ms. Zeller comes to Lincoln High School with stellar credentials. Her most recent assignment was the Assistant Principal of Instruction at Willow Glen High School where she was instrumental in implementing the University Express Program with San Jose City College, providing the opportunity for students to earn one year of college credit while concurrently being enrolled in SJUSD courses. Prior to her administrative assignments, Jackie was the department chair of the math departments at Pioneer High School and Steinbeck Middle School. Her innate ability to analyze data, and her passion and determination to investigate data in order to make a difference in student learning, sets her aside from many others in her field. She thrives on the numbers! During a recent senior student exit interview, when asked who or what had the most influence on her education experience in San Jose Unified, a prior Steinbeck student of Ms. Zeller's commented, *"My 6th grade math teacher influenced me the most. She taught me how to have confidence in myself and be good at something. My teacher (Ms. Zeller) believed in me so much."*

As Ms. Zeller begins the move to Lincoln High School she stated, *"Maintaining Lincoln's unique blend of strong academics, exceptional Visual and Performing Arts and the tradition of excellence in sports will be exciting as well as challenging. I look forward to moving the school forward in its efforts to provide every student with a well-rounded academic, social and athletic high school experience. The collaborative nature of the staff and the parents is legendary throughout the district and I anticipate a long and happy relationship. I am proud and honored to have been chosen to serve as the Lincoln HS principal as, after all, the Lion is the King."*

Current Principal Chris Funk has been a teacher and administrator at Lincoln High School for the past 10 years. Principal Funk led the staff and faculty to many honors during his tenure as

principal. California Distinguished School, 21st School of Distinction, Lighthouse Award, a 6-year WASC accreditation and multiple visual and performing arts awards have been bestowed upon the best of the best - the Lincoln High School community. And we would be terribly amiss not to mention the most important **“Big Bone” Trophy!**

Mr. Funk may be leaving Lincoln High School but he is not going far. He will be taking all his energy and creativity to the San Jose Unified’s District Office as he has been promoted to Director of Human Resources.

San Jose Unified Board of Education Trustee for the Lincoln High School area, Rich Garcia stated, *“ It has been my pleasure to work with Principal Funk at Lincoln High School. Chris has worked with the school and all of its stakeholders to build a safe and effective academic learning environment for the Lincoln students. I know he will do an excellent job as Director of Human Resources. Jackie Zeller has many of the attributes the parents and teachers suggested to the district as they were selecting a principal for Lincoln High. Ms. Zeller brings with her a tremendous amount of energy, knowledge of curriculum, love of the arts, demonstrated humor and love for students. I am very pleased to have Jackie as the Principal of Lincoln High School. I look forward to working with her.”*

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