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Gabriela Guzman joins Leadership Support Services

This month, Leadership Support Services welcomed Gabriela Guzman as its newest administrator. In her new role, Guzman will cover state and federal programs and serve as a co-lead for equity initiatives within the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE).

Guzman joins the Tulare County Office of Education after spending over 20 years with Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District (COJUSD). At COJUSD, Guzman most recently served as the district's Director of Student Services, Accountability and Categorical



Programs. She was also previously a principal and assistant principal for Orosi High School, an assistant principal for El Monte Middle School, and a teacher at Cutler Elementary School. During her time at COJUSD, she was recognized in 2009 and 2018 by the Association of California School Administrators, Region XI as an Administrator of the Year. In 2021, the Cutler-Orosi Lions Club International selected Guzman as Woman of the Year and she also received the National Parenting Partners Champion Award.

Guzman graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, where she received her bachelor's degree and from Fresno State, where she received her master's degree.

Leadership Support Services (LSS) exists to help Tulare County leaders strategically plan how best to support all students in obtaining equitable outcomes. The architecture of California's funding and accountability structure has undergone tremendous change since the introduction of the Local Control Funding Formula in 2013. LSS works with

Tulare County district leaders to successfully navigate the world of state and federal requirements as they push their schools forward in a cycle of continuous improvement.

Jose Bedolla chosen as principal of La Sierra Charter School



Last week, Jose Bedolla took the helm of La Sierra Charter School – the school which includes the Military Academy and an independent study program. Bedolla, a graduate of University of California, Berkeley and Fresno State, worked in social services before transitioning into public education. He taught elementary and middle school before entering school administration. Prior to joining La Sierra Charter School, Bedolla served as the principal of Heartland Educational Center, overseeing all of Selma Unified School District’s continuation and adult school programs.

“We are delighted to have Jose join the TCOE team,” said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. “We appreciate his enthusiasm, and his breadth of expertise in social services, English language development, differentiated instruction, career technical education, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support – expertise that will be a tremendous resource to our students.”

A proponent for the study of history, Bedolla also serves as an adjunct history instructor for Reedley College. “I’m very excited and honored to represent and serve the students and families of La Sierra,” Bedolla said.

For more about La Sierra, visit tcoe.org/LaSierra.

Students invited to create artwork for the annual Tulare County Farm Bureau Student Art Calendar



Tulare County Farm Bureau 2023 Calendar Art Contest

*Tulare County Agriculture...
Generations of Growing Goodness*

The Tulare County Farm Bureau has announced “Tulare County Agriculture: Generations of Growing Goodness” as the theme of its annual Student Calendar Art Contest. The Farm Bureau’s Education Committee will select 14 winning entries and numerous honorable mention works to be featured in the full-color, 12-month calendar. The calendar will be printed and distributed to Tulare County teachers in March during National Agriculture Month.

Students have until February 15 to complete and deliver their artwork for the 2023-24 calendar. Entries must be received by mail or hand-delivered to the Farm Bureau at 737 North Ben Maddox Way no later than 5:00 p.m.

The Tulare County Farm Bureau and the Tulare County Office of Education annually sponsor the contest. For more information, see the flyer [here](#) or contact Tulare County Farm Bureau at (559) 732-8301.

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