



## BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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For Immediate Release

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Mark Jones as the new principal of Horace Mann School effective July 1st. Dr. Jones will be presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday evening, May 22nd for final approval.

Dr. Jones will join Beverly Hills Unified from Pasadena Unified where he currently serves as the Principal of Thomas A. Edison Elementary School. He brings a wealth of experience as a regular and special education teacher and as an elementary administrator. Dr. Jones has been an educator for over fifteen years and has taught students from the elementary through graduate level. From 1995 to 1997 he was the Program Director for the highly regarded Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth based in Baltimore, Maryland. He has extensive experience in managing and directing curricular design teams, planning and presentation of staff and teacher training, technology and budget development, and implementation of large-scale grants. His coordination of NASA's "KIDSAT" program involved presentations at local, state and federal levels. His work has also involved a summer project funded by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Jones holds a Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama; he received his Magna Cum Laude Master of Arts degree in Youth Counseling and Education. Following completion of his Doctorate, he completed his Suma Cum Laude Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership Administration at California State University in Los Angeles.

Dr. Jones has spearheaded grants for his school site including \$100,000 from Johns Hopkins University, \$1.2 million from the California Department of Education in technology, literacy, and school community-policing partnerships, and \$350,000 for Healthy Start. He has also tapped foundations for \$300,000 in support of academic programs at Thomas A. Edison School

Widely regarded as an innovative, compassionate and dynamic administrator, he has high expectations for staff and students. References from those with whom Dr. Jones has worked describe him as "a superb educator, a splendid human being, a gifted administrator, and highly knowledgeable about educational research, technology and effective instructional practices".

Dr. Jones is the father of three children and his wife is a school psychologist and social worker.

We look forward to Dr. Mark Jones joining the Beverly Hills Unified School District Leadership Team.

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