

# **Sara Noguchi, Ed.D.**

## **Biography**

Sara Noguchi, Ed. D. became the 17th Superintendent of the Modesto City Schools in July 2018, following a unanimous vote of support from the Board of Education.

Honored and humbled to serve as District Superintendent, Dr. Noguchi believes her most essential and immediate responsibility is to ensure that all areas of operation are focused on the organization's primary mission: helping every student succeed.

Dr. Noguchi's 29-year career in education spans the full range of instructional positions, from classroom teacher to senior district administration.

In 1992, she accepted her first teaching position in the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD), where she taught math at Samuel Jackman Middle School. Dr. Noguchi believes it was her time in the classroom that ignited her passion to help all students reach their potential.

She moved into administration in 2002, and over the course of five years she served as vice principal at Laguna Creek and Valley high schools, interim principal at Florin High School and principal at James Rutter Middle School, all in the EGUSD.

Dr. Noguchi was selected to serve as Assistant Superintendent for the Central Area in the Sacramento City Unified School District in 2011, a position that allowed her to build support services for students and professional development opportunities for administrators and teaching professionals at 27 of the district's middle schools and high schools. Dr. Noguchi completed her tenure at Sacramento City Unified as the Interim Superintendent.

Before joining Modesto City Schools, Dr. Noguchi was the Associate Superintendent, Innovation, Research & Design for the Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD), a position she held from 2015-2018.

During her tenure in the TRUSD, she was part of a team that built programs to expand opportunities for parents and students. Dr. Noguchi provided leadership in the development of a districtwide principal and teacher data dashboard, districtwide Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) initiative, and expansion of Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs. She worked with a team on the development and implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), which included an expansion of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) and Restorative Practices, developed a Peer Assistance Review (PAR) program to ensure teacher support, and planned and helped facilitate an Early Childhood Education

Task Force and School Safety Task Force. Dr. Noguchi participated in multiple partnerships and community committees, including Capital Align Region, City of Sacramento Gang Task Force, Promise Zone, Choice Neighborhood, and Sacramento State Advisory Committees, and represented TRUSD on a variety of state level panels and committees on Early Childhood Education and Innovative Programs.

Dr. Noguchi has a Doctor of Education degree in Administration and Supervision, and an Administrative Services Credential from University of the Pacific, a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from California State University, Sacramento, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from San Diego State University.

Dr. Noguchi is a mother of three children, all of whom are currently attending college. Trevor, her eldest, is a doctoral student at the University of California, Davis. Tyler, her middle child, is currently in his senior year at California State University, Sacramento. He will enter the credential program next year. Mariah, her youngest, is working toward a bachelor's degree in nursing at Point Loma Nazarene College, in Point Loma, California.

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