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SUSD Governing Board Names New Kiva, Laguna Principals

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Feb. 14, 2018) – The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Governing Board last night approved the hiring of Alice Spingola as principal of Kiva Elementary School and promoted Laguna Elementary School assistant principal Brooke Williams to principal. The appointments are effective July 1, 2018.

Spingola brings experience as an Illinois K-12 reading specialist, literacy coach, classroom teacher and elementary school principal to SUSD. She is currently principal of Southeast Elementary School in the Chicago-area Evergreen Park Elementary School District. Spingola holds Bachelor's degrees in general education and special education from Northern Illinois University, and a Master's degree in education from Chicago State University. Spingola will succeed Kiva's interim principal, Jessica Johnston.

Williams brings a wealth of SUSD experience to her new post: she graduated from Arcadia High School in 1999; did her student teaching at Aztec Elementary School; taught in the pre-school, special needs classrooms at Cherokee and Navajo Elementary schools, as well as Navajo's autism classroom; and has been a District curriculum specialist. She became Laguna's assistant principal in 2015. Williams holds a B.A. degree in Child Development and Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Arizona State University, and a Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Phoenix.

She succeeds longtime Laguna Principal Dr. Katie Root, who, like Williams, also served as the school's assistant principal before becoming its principal in 2004.

Committees comprised of each school's parents, teachers and classified personnel, as well as a District principal and a District director, reviewed applications and conducted interviews during the past two weeks.

"We could not ask for two better professionals to take on these roles," said Debbie Ybarra, SUSD Executive Director of Elementary Education. "We also want to thank Jessica Johnston for stepping in as Interim Principal at Kiva this year and Dr. Root for her exceptional contribution to Laguna for the past 17 years. Congratulations on your much-deserved retirement, Dr. Root!"

The *Core Purpose* of the Scottsdale Unified School District is *To Ensure All Individual Learners Reach Their Full Potential*. The Scottsdale Unified School District offers 30 schools, serving approximately 23,000 students. School boundaries include parts of Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix and Tempe. Find more information about SUSD at www.susd.org.

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