

Jeanette Rodriguez-Chien named new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

The walls of the Board of Education room helped Jeanette Rodriguez-Chien decide she wanted to work at Chino Valley Unified School District.

Rodriguez-Chien, who was named the district's new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services on Oct. 1, said she was impressed by the district's mission statement and goals that are posted on those walls. She felt the district's emphasis on preparing students for college and addressing the needs of the whole student -- including building their character -- fit in with her core belief system.

"Whatever I do, I always keep the kids in mind first," she said. "Our number one customers are the students. We have to keep them at the forefront when we make decisions. We need to create a caring environment where kids feel they are cared for and that someone wants them to succeed."

Rodriguez-Chien also said she has a special place in her heart for students with special needs. "We have to provide them resources so they can learn at the same rate as other students," she said. "We need to collaborate and work to create learning environments that allow all students to be successful."

The new assistant superintendent replaces longtime CVUSD administrator Pat Miller, who retired in July.

"As a leader, I believe in building relationships and trust among those I work with. It's important to me to get input from others and work in a collaborative manner," Rodriguez-Chien said.

Prior to joining CVUSD, Rodriguez-Chien, of Yorba Linda, had served as executive director of educational services for the Rowland Unified School District, where she was responsible for elementary instructional program initiatives, including curriculum, assessment, and professional development. She was also responsible for developing and monitoring the Local Control Accountability Program (LCAP) Annual Report, a task she will also perform for CVUSD.

The LCAP report outlines district goals for spending state money on low-income, limited English-speaking, and foster youth, as well as academic improvement goals for all students.

Rodriguez-Chien earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA, a master's in educational administration from California State University, Los Angeles, and a doctorate in educational leadership from USC's Rossier School of Education.

She began her career in education in 1992 with the Los Angeles Unified School District. Her first teaching job was as a bilingual teacher at Marianna Avenue Elementary in Los Angeles, where she was named a categorical program advisor in 1996. She was named an assistant principal for Hammel Elementary in Los Angeles in 1999. She also served as a principal at Sierra Vista Elementary and Ford Boulevard Elementary, both in Los Angeles, and at Northam Elementary in La Puente for the Rowland Unified School District.

She was named a director of special projects for the GATE (gifted student) program in 2011 for the Rowland district, prior to becoming executive director of educational services for that district.

Rodriguez-Chien was named one of Association of California School Administrators Region 14 Central Office Administrators of the Year in 2015. She is also one of two California administrators selected to the

Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, Superintendent's Leadership Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

She is fluent in Spanish and has experience in instructional technology.