CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT AND NEW COORDINATOR FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO – Superintendent Kirsten Vital and the CUSD Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Holliday Ed.D., as Assistant Superintendent of Education Services. Holliday has served as an interim in this role since June 2015. “Susan has done an incredible job serving our CUSD children and I am honored to have her serving in this capacity,” said Superintendent Kirsten Vital. “She is building systems to support education, relational trust in our district and a strong focus on our unwavering commitment to all of our children.”

For the past ten years Holliday has served in Technology and Information Services in both the Director and Executive Director roles. Holliday has also served as a consultant for the fiscal crisis and management assistance team to provide guidance and feedback to local educational agencies on improving educational technology systems and processes.

Holliday received her bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education from the University of Reno, Nevada; her master’s degree in Instructional Technology from California State University, San Bernardino; and her doctorate in Administration & Leadership from La Sierra University.

Superintendent Vital and the CUSD Board of Trustees are also pleased to announce the appointment of Neil Anderson as coordinator of our Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs. The mission of the Visual and Performing Arts Department is to provide equal access to quality standards-based arts instruction in dance, music, theatre and visual arts. “Neil’s background and experience in performing arts brings a renewed excitement and focus on the arts in CUSD,” said Superintendent Kirsten Vital.
“He plans to bring together teachers, students and the surrounding communities to expand our offerings in all of our visual and performing arts programs.”

Anderson, a graduate of CUSD, is currently in his 14th year in education, most recently as the Director of Bands at Murrieta Valley High School. Anderson’s performing ensembles have received Unanimous Superior ratings at local and regional festivals in each of his previous years. He has served as a clinician and adjudicator for marching band competitions and concert festivals for regional and state band organizations throughout the western United States. His own groups have performed throughout California, Hawaii, and New York. In the spring of 2005, Anderson’s ensembles were invited and participated in the opening of the World War II Memorial, and National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. In 2009, his groups were invited on a 10 day performance tour of England and Scotland.

Mr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Music degree from San Diego State University in 2001. Receiving a double Bachelor’s Degree (Music Education and Woodwind Performance), Anderson has taught at both the high school and community college levels. He holds a Master’s Degree from Azusa Pacific University in Educational Leadership.

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