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Ian Drummond Selected as Vice Principal of Mira Costa High School

The Manhattan Beach Unified School District is proud to announce that the Board of Trustees has approved Mr. Ian Drummond as the new Vice Principal of Mira Costa High School. Mr. Drummond is returning home to Mira Costa after serving as Vice Principal at Culver City High School the past three years. Before entering into administration, he taught English at MCHS from 1999-2009. During his tenure at Mira Costa, he also served as a varsity soccer coach, AVID teacher, and sponsor of numerous student clubs.

The district advertised for the position and received over seventy applications. From that pool, eight applicants were selected for the initial round of interviews. Nine people served on interview panel including teachers, staff, administrators, and next year's student body president. In addition to answering the panel's questions, the candidates participated in a spontaneous writing sample and engaged in a public speaking exercise to enable the panel to see how they communicate extemporaneously. Three finalists advanced to the second round during which they were interviewed by district and site administrators. Mr. Drummond was the unanimous first choice for the position.

Board President Ellen Rosenberg noted, "The Board is confident that Mr. Drummond possesses the vision, professional qualifications and leadership skills to be an outstanding Vice Principal of Mira Costa High School.

"Mr. Drummond's experience as an educational leader and commitment to success for every student resonated throughout the selection process," stated Dr. Matthews. "He emerged from a pool of highly qualified applicants as the best choice for MBUSD. He has a clear interest in doing all we can to help every student achieve his or her maximum potential."

Mira Costa Principal Dr. Ben Dale added, "Ian distinguished himself in the interview process as an administrator who is student-centered. He is an instructional leader with a strong background in content and delivery. He will be an incredibly valuable resource on the campus as we move forward with 21st century teaching and learning."

When asked about his priorities as the newest Vice Principal at Costa, Mr. Drummond affirmed, "First and foremost, my mission is to be there for our students. I am willing to do whatever I am able in order to make Mira Costa the optimal learning environment. Philosophically, I believe that the goal of any learning institution should be to motivate *all* students to achieve to their greatest potential."

Mr. Drummond will assume his new duties as Vice Principal of Mira Costa High School on July 1, 2012.

About the Manhattan Beach Unified School District

Manhattan Beach Unified School District ranks as the third highest performing unified school district in the State of California with a 2011 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) of 932. MBUSD serves nearly 7,000 students from preschool to twelfth grade at eight school campuses—one preschool, five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Mira Costa High School's API of 911 places it in the top 1.3% of public high schools in California, and it was named number fifteen in ESPN's "Fab 50" High Schools in the Unified States in 2010 for its superior athletic programs. In addition to outstanding students and excellent teachers, MBUSD is extremely fortunate to have a high level of parental involvement in the schools and very strong partnerships with the Manhattan Beach Education and Athletic Foundations, the City of Manhattan Beach, Chevron, Northrop Grumman, Continental Development, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations and businesses. More information about MBUSD is available at www.mbusd.org.