

From Learners to Leaders

# ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AT BERNARDO YORBA



Thursday, February 13, 2025

Good afternoon, OCSCS families,

First, I want to express my deep gratitude for your support and understanding during this transition. As the district announced, Dr. Will Gray will serve as interim principal beginning Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Please join me in welcoming him to our team and maintaining the open lines of communication that define our school community. At OCSCS, we have built a culture of collaboration and strong parent involvement—one that will continue, regardless of who holds the formal leadership role. Dr. Gray brings extensive charter school experience and has worked with me behind the scenes since OCSCS's inception. He, Dr. Yaung, Acting Superintendent Mrs. Gray, our much-loved Mrs. Givens, and I met just before today's announcement, and I am grateful that we have a plan in place to ensure a smooth transition.

I also want to be clear: I have full confidence in the OCSCS staff to continue implementing the vision we built together. This journey has never been about hoping we could fulfill our promises—it has been about achieving them. While I understand the concerns some families have expressed about enrollment following my departure, I want to reassure you that the culture we have established remains strong, one that will far outlive me, and our staff maintains their unwavering commitment to the focus on student learning.

You have often heard me say to prioritize evidence over emotion. I am proud to share the evidence of the achievement of OCSCS. A powerful testament to this is the recent recognition of our teachers by SAGE Corwin Publishing. For those unfamiliar, SAGE Corwin is a leading force in educational publishing, producing research-based resources that shape teaching and learning at a national level. If they publish something, it means it is worth paying attention to—and I am proud to say that our school and our teachers *are* worth paying attention to!

Click [here](#) to view a feature on our math teacher, Ms. Janet Le, whose work is highlighted in [Rigor Unveiled](#) as a model for middle school math instruction. Additionally, you will see footage of our wonderful campus! [Mr. Chris Parlapiano](#) is recognized for his high levels of collaboration, while Mr. Alexi Chorn is featured twice for his expertise in [classroom management](#), [routines](#), and [feedback](#). Additionally, Mrs. Loren Nandor's classroom has been filmed and is now being used in professional development coaching sessions by Corwin.

As I close, ours is not a school built on the leadership of one person—it is a thriving community shaped by the dedication of exceptional students, educators, and families. The mission we started together will carry on, and I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished.

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