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Alameda, Calif. — **September 13, 2017** — At its public meeting last night, the Board of Education for the Alameda Unified School District approved the hire of Lynnette Chirrick as the new principal of Franklin Elementary School.

Ms. Chirrick, who has been teaching at Franklin Elementary School for three years, grew up in Alameda and attended Lum Elementary School, Wood Middle School, and Alameda High School. She received her BA and certificate to teach English Language Learners from CSU East Bay. She received her Master's Degree in Education Administration and her teaching and administrative credentials from Stanislaus State University. She graduated from both programs with academic honors.

In her 20 years in education, Ms. Chirrick as a teacher (7 years), assistant principal (1 year), and principal (9 years). She has also worked as a district administrator overseeing community outreach and intervention support programs. For the last three years, she has been teaching 2nd grade at Franklin Elementary.

"I am thrilled to take on a new role at Franklin, in a community I care about deeply," Ms. Chirrick says. "I am committed to making the transition the best it can be for the entire school. I am excited to work with Franklin parents and children to make sure the school remains a family-friendly environment that supports every child's success."

Ms. Chirrick, who lives in Alameda, has two nephews and a daughter who currently attend AUSD schools.

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