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**TITLE: Mrs. Christina Waters (Towner) Named
Interim Principal, Altimira Middle School**

Sonoma Valley Unified School District is pleased to announce today the appointment of Mrs. Christina Waters (Towner) as Interim Principal of Altimira Middle School.

Mrs. Waters, formerly Ms. Towner, has been with Altimira since 2009, first as a teacher and then as Vice-Principal. We are excited that Mrs. Waters will be able to successfully continue the school culture that she and the Altimira faculty & staff have developed over the years to meet the needs of students. She has firsthand knowledge of Altimira's students, parents, and staff that will allow a smooth transition given this time of the year. Due to the timing of this appointment, Mrs. Waters and the District have agreed on the title of Interim Principal with the intent to transition to the title of Principal. Mrs. Waters has earned degrees and credentials from Sonoma State University.

Mrs. Waters values a strong school culture and a collaborative environment with parents, students, and staff. Mrs. Water's vision is to maintain the positive school culture and work towards elevating academic performance of all students at Altimira. She is planning to partner with all teachers to further develop leadership skills that create innovative opportunities for students.

Among her accomplishments; Mrs. Waters led efforts for Altimira to be a more collaborative community. She is directly responsible for increasing parent participation at the school, specifically with the English Learner Advisory Council. Mrs. Waters has also promoted the use of school data to identify needs of students to make them more successful. For example, she created an Individual Language Plan that helped identify students achieve language proficiency.

Mrs. Waters loves spending time with her family and physical activities. She is an avid soccer player, hiker, and enjoys all forms of music and cooking.

Mrs. Water's tentative start date will be Tuesday, July 24th.

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