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**TITLE: Mrs. Sydney Smith Named
Coordinator, Student Services**

Sonoma Valley Unified School District is pleased to announce today the appointment of Mrs. Sydney Smith as Coordinator of Student Services.

Mrs. Smith has been serving families and students in this part-time position for the past school year while also serving as Principal of Creekside High School. To better meet the needs of students, the role of Coordinator, Student Services has been increased to a full-time position. Mrs. Smith has been with Sonoma Valley Unified School District since 2007 in a variety of roles; including as Principal of Altimira Middle School and teacher leader roles with Sonoma Valley High School.

Mrs. Smith has a proven track record of successfully serving students in the District. She strengthened the District's working relationship with Sonoma Valley Youth and

Family Services, improved the District's School Attendance Review Board process, and introduced Positive Behavior Supports to restructure discipline systems.

Among her accomplishments; Mrs. Smith created a restorative culture at Creekside High School resulting in the largest graduating class in the school's history in 2018, and worked with school principals to reduce suspensions and expulsions in grades 6 through 12.

Mrs. Smith shared- "I will definitely miss seeing my Creekside students and staff every day- they hold a special place in my heart, but I am confident that a qualified candidate will be selected and that Creekside High School will continue on the path of continuous improvement towards excellence."

Mrs. Smith and her husband, James, have two boys- the oldest will be in 2nd grade and the youngest just turned 4 last month. Her hobbies include seeing live music, shop new fashion trends, and hike.

We welcome Mrs. Smith as Coordinator of Student Services. She will complete her full transition into the role upon the District's selection for Principal of Creekside High School.

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