

Readership Network plans two trainings with a nationally-renown educator and an award-winning author



TCOE's Readership Network is offering two professional learning opportunities for middle and high school teachers.

On August 29, National Teacher of the Year Sarah Brown Wessling will return to Tulare County to present "Writership." In this training, attendees will learn to support students in analyzing texts as they build their comprehension skills and write more cohesively. Attendees will also receive a classroom collection of books valued at \$200 courtesy of CLSD Readership.

To learn more about Sarah, visit <https://learn.teachingchannel.com/laureate-sarah-brown-wessling>.

On September 9, New York Times best-selling author and Newberry Medal winner Matt de la Peña will lead a dynamic workshop on the incredible potential of picture books to ignite students' love for literacy and enhance their skills. Participants in this training will also receive a classroom collection of books valued at \$200 courtesy of CLSD Readership!

To register for Sarah Brown Wessling's Writership, visit <http://tulare.k12oms.org/147-250460>.

To register for Matt de la Peña's picture book training, visit <http://tulare.k12oms.org/147-250527>.

Tulare County school districts welcome new superintendents

Tulare County school districts welcomed seven new superintendents for the 2024-25 school year.

Ira Porchia is the new superintendent for Tulare City School District, succeeding Paula Adair who retired. Porchia was previously the district's director of child welfare and safety.



The new superintendent of Farmersville Unified School District is Manuel Mendez, a Farmersville native and the former assistant superintendent of projects/curriculum at the district.

Travis Brown, TCOE's former administrator of New Teacher & Leadership Development, is now the superintendent at Buena Vista School District, replacing Carole Mederos, who retired.

Jason Porter is the new superintendent/principal of Three Rivers Union School District, while Scott Pickle, Ed.D. is the new superintendent/principal for Sequoia Union School District.

Former Strathmore Union School District projects director David Frankiewich is the new interim superintendent for Hot Springs School District. Frankiewich replaces Tom Byars, who retired.

T.J. Ryan is the new superintendent of Woodlake Unified School district, replacing interim superintendent Tony Casares.

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