

RONALD A. DILLENDER

Educational Innovator

I am a dedicated elementary school educator with a proven track record for helping school teams and communities grow and progress by focusing on building relationships, creating shared leadership teams, improving classroom instruction, and working together through goal-oriented cycles of continuous improvement. I have a passion for education and make a daily commitment to optimize student, teacher, and school success.

Experience

SALINAS CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT · Salinas, CA
Associate Superintendent of Educational Services - September 2023 - present
Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services - September 2021 - April 2024
Director of Curriculum and Instruction · July 2015 - September 2021
School Principal (PreK - 6) · July 2010 - June 2015

FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT · Fontana, CA
School Principal (PreK - 5) · November 2005 - June 2010
School Assistant Principal (PreK - 5) · July 2002 - November 2005
Program Manager · July 2001 - June 2002
Elementary School Teacher · June 1997 - July 2001

Key Contributions

- Oversee, train, and supervise all aspects of MTSS structures
 - Special Education
 - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
 - Mental Health and Counseling Services
 - Attendance
 - Concerns and Uniform Complaints
 - Suspensions and Expulsions
 - 504s
 - Enrollment and transfers
- Member of the superintendent's cabinet
- Oversaw and developed the district's instructional scope and sequence
- Organized, facilitated and provided the ongoing training and professional learning of faculty and staff at school and district levels
- Provided direct training and support to district team of administrators
- Mentored numerous administrators, coaches, teachers, and classified staff
- Organized and provided support for new and developing teachers
- Trained, organized, and led the work of ongoing support to district teams of Teachers on Special Assignment and Academic Coaches
- Organized and implemented adoption of new district-wide curricular programs
- Organized and maintained the district's curriculum materials and supplies
- Organized and worked with teachers to develop problem-based units of study for Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies
- Created and oversaw the enrollment and training process for the school's dual immersion programs. Expanded the district's Dual Immersion program. Oversaw the Language Development Center.
- Worked with staff and developed plans for distance learning during the 2020-21 school year
- Worked collaboratively to establish the district's first virtual academy
- Co-founder of the district's Education Innovation Team, Instructional Advisory Team, and Acceleration Team
- Key contributor to the writing of district LCAP, ELOP, and numerous grants

"When Mr. Dillender moved to Salinas, he committed wholeheartedly to SCESD...Ron is goal-oriented, setting a path for all to follow. He sets a clear vision and communicates it well, with consistent execution and follow-up opportunities...He visits our school, speaks with our staff, provides data to be reviewed, and resources to implement for continued growth. Equally as important, Ron validates the work being done and makes it a point to identify areas of success."

Esabel Cervantes

Principal, El Gabilan Elementary School

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"Mr. Dillender has proven that he is a strong instructional leader. He believes in building strong, effective relationships with teachers, principals, and staff...He is an effective communicator and often shares his beliefs in education, including his conviction that every student can learn. He builds the instructional leadership capacity of others."

Brian Hays

Director of Technology and Innovation, Salinas City Elementary School District

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"I chose the word 'built' to reflect the dedication Mr. Dillender has made in building the Coach team. ...Through his leadership the (coach) team portrays and embodies the SCESD's core values of growth mindset, cultural responsiveness, student centered learning, and leading with heart."

C. Jean Felix

Teacher on Special Assignment, MTSS

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"...he has earned the utmost respect from administrators, district leadership, teachers, and parents."

Hilda Huerta

Principal, Roosevelt School

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Certifications, Credentials, Degrees, & Accolades

- Pupil Services Academy - ACSA, 2022
- Superintendent Academy · ACSA, 2019
- Chief Innovation Officer · Education Innovation Alliance
- Lead Learner Award Recipient · Salinas City Elementary School District, 2016
- Administrator of the Year · CSEA, Salinas Chapter 149, 2015
- MA in Education Administration · California State University San Bernardino
- BS in Elementary Education · Brigham Young University
- California Administrative Services Credential
- California K-8 Teaching Credential
- Member of Association of California School Administrators
- Member of California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators