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PRESS RELEASE

Susan Lopez Promoted to Principal of SOUL

(Fresno, CA) Fresno EOC School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) is pleased to announce Susan Lopez as its new Principal. Lopez replaces Dr. Mark Wilson who retired last month after 15 years of service in that role.

Effective Tuesday, October 12, Lopez will be at the helm of the charter high school in downtown Fresno. The Central Valley native brings with her 20 years of experience in education, including 15 years of teaching and five years in school administration. Lopez has served as Principal at A.E. Mills Intermediate School in Firebaugh, Vice Principal at Firebaugh Middle School and Assistant Principal at Abraham Lincoln Middle School (ALMS) in Selma.

During the last four years, Lopez taught math at SOUL and was the Coordinator of Instruction. She started as a Math teacher in August, 2017. Last Spring, Lopez was also named Coordinator of Instruction, concurrent with teaching. Coordinator of Instruction is responsible for providing advice to teachers on delivery of instruction and developing lessons as well as providing professional development to teaching staff. Lopez said, "I see SOUL as a family which consists of staff, students, parents and community working together to provide a better future for our youth."

Lopez received her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from Fresno Pacific University in May, 2000. She received her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Fresno State in December, 2011.

Fresno EOC's Chief Operating Officer, Michelle L. Tutunjian said, "We are happy to have Susan Lopez as our SOUL Principal. Lopez has excelled in various positions from teacher to administrator over the years. Most recently, Lopez has demonstrated a strong commitment to the health and safety of SOUL students during the global pandemic, while helping to further their academic success."

The high school currently has 167 students and continues open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. SOUL is in its 23rd year as a charter high school of Fresno County as part of the Fresno Unified School District (FUSD). SOUL is the first and oldest secondary charter school of FUSD. It offers a comprehensive multi-tiered system of support for students and families to ensure students complete high school and prepare for their future.



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[School of Unlimited Learning \(SOUL\)](#) was first chartered in 1998 through Fresno Unified School District and is operated by Fresno EOC. SOUL high school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for providing an exemplary academic program and a myriad of support services crucial to the success of at-risk students.

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