



Dear Soquel High School Community,

My name is Greg O'Meara, and I've recently been appointed Interim Principal of Soquel High School. I am thrilled to officially join the Soquel team on July 1, 2019 and I look forward to partnering with this wonderful school community.

I'd like to share a bit of background on my journey to Soquel High School. I've had the honor of teaching, coaching and providing educational leadership for the past twenty-six years. Teaching and coaching at the high school level in Western Pennsylvania opened doors both professionally and geographically as I ultimately moved to the San Jose Bay area in the early 1990's. My time in Santa Clara County over the next decade included many nights in the San Jose State University and Santa Clara University libraries respectively, where I pursued two graduate degrees in education. During this time, I also served as a high school counselor and school administrator in various comprehensive and alternative settings.

I've recently relocated with my family to the Santa Cruz area after residing and working in the Sacramento/Roseville area for the past sixteen years. While in Placer County, my service to schools at both the elementary and secondary levels included four years as an Assistant Principal, and twelve years as site Principal.

Currently, I am serving the staff, students and families in Santa Cruz City Schools in the role of Director of Student Services. Consistent in each of my roles in education is a sincere commitment to strengthen community, support teachers, and advocate for all student's academic and social-emotional growth.

The partnership between the school and families is critical in supporting student success. In the coming weeks I look forward to working with Principal Atlansky and the staff at Soquel High School to ensure a smooth transition in school leadership. I am also extremely eager to meet our families and connect with our students.

Respectfully,

Greg O'Meara Interim Principal