

July 1, 2024

Hello, my name is Mr. Jose Melendez, I am introducing myself as your new Superintendent/Principal. I join you with excitement and anticipation.

I am a native Spanish speaker, bilingual and bicultural. I have been a teacher, a school principal, an Assistant Director, and a District Director in multiple educational areas within PreK-12 schools for a total of twenty-eight years. In my career, educational effectiveness for all children has been my primary focus. With humility and respect, I am sharing my professional experience with the Dayville School District community, families, students and staff.

I have been a life-long learner. Prior to education, I was a migrant worker who harvested fruit crops for years all over the south and north West. For the first 24 years of my life, I was a non-English speaker who did not have the opportunity to receive a middle or high school education. I earned my GED diploma at the age of 27 in 1991. I then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1997, specializing in Multidisciplinary Studies in Elementary and Bilingual Education. I earned a Master of Arts degree (MA) in May of 2002, specializing in Curriculum & Instruction, with an additional emphasis in Bilingual Education. In addition, I completed a Master of Arts certification for school administrators, specializing in instructional and educational leadership as a school principal. Later, I earned my ED.S degree in 2013, furthering my specialization in administration and educational leadership. Lastly, I completed my formal Superintendent certification in October of 2016.

In closing, I am committed to serving the Dayville School District as Superintendent/Principal focusing on our students and all their needs to prepare them for their future career and life. Humbly, as a well-prepared and experienced educational district leader, I will serve the school district and the Dayville community with courage, humility, honesty, integrity, passion, and high ethics; always. I can't wait to meet each and every one of you as opportunity permits us to do so in all our endeavors and joint responsibility for educating our students in Dayville. Please know that my practice is very simple; I will go out of my way to always keep a welcoming, open door to our community and to each and every one of you. Whenever in need, reach out and I will make sure that we meet as promptly as possible.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose Melendez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

José Meléndez, BA, MA, ED.S