

# Meet the interim replacement for beloved Redlands Superintendent Lori Rhodes

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REDLANDS, Ca – Juan Lopez has been named interim superintendent of the Redlands Unified School District.

Lopez, who retired in 2015 as superintendent of the [Val Verde Unified School District](#), was appointed to the position by Redlands Unified's Board of Education at a special board meeting May 19. According to Superintendent Lori Rhodes, who leaves the district Friday, Lopez will lead the board meeting June 13.

Lopez's appointment comes after [Rhodes announced her retirement in April](#). Rhodes, 55, is retiring after nearly three decades in public education and almost 10 years as district superintendent.

Lopez has served as interim superintendent in the Coachella Unified School District for the past six months. His official start date is July 1, and he will remain in the post until a permanent superintendent is found.

According to a memo Rhodes sent to the district's management team, Lopez plans to work three days a week – Tuesday through Thursday – until a permanent superintendent is named.