

LORI A. GARVEY

Dedicated, student centered leader with excellent interpersonal skills, committed to providing each student with an exceptional education. Consistently demonstrates the ability to work collaboratively with staff, parents, students, and the community to build an environment of trust. Engages in continuous improvement, data-driven decision making, and planning to ensure student success and long-term financial health. Experienced in both the instructional and operational workings of a school district.

SKILLS

- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Moral Agency
- ✓ Strategic Planning
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Adaptability
- ✓ Interpersonal Skills
- ✓ Creative Problem Solving
- ✓ Financial Management & Planning
- ✓ Human Resources
- ✓ Positivity

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Spearheaded design of school rebuilds and classroom furniture to create flexible spaces that enhance student learning and contribute to student wellbeing
- Established fiscal stability for Madison School District by increasing budget balance carry-forward from 0.07% to 3.7%, implementing multi-year budgeting, and leveraging various funding sources
- Developed Professional Growth Plan System for Administrative Services staff based on five leadership areas and performance standards
- Increased support service staff participation in professional development from 33% to 83%
- Improved Madison School District's bond rating to Aaa (highest possible rating)
- Initiated the refinancing of district bonds, saving taxpayers over \$500K
- Implemented energy conservation plan resulting in \$150,000 in energy rebates and incentives

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Madison Elementary School District | Phoenix, AZ

Deputy Superintendent (07/18 – Present)

Assistant Superintendent – Admin Services (07/08 – 06/18)

- Provide leadership and direction for Business Services, Construction Services, Food Services, Human Resources, Information Services, Maintenance and Transportation in the areas of: budgeting, accounting, planning, asset management, purchasing, payroll, and staff development

- Provide leadership and development of The Madison Center for the Arts
- Contribute in quarterly reviews of School Integrated Action Plans (SIAP)
- Conduct resource planning meetings with principals and all District directors to ensure school resource needs/concerns are addressed
- Develop short and long-term budget plans for maintenance and operations and capital funds
- Facilitate community and staff meetings and forums on a variety of topics including school rebuilds, budgets, bonds, overrides, and safety
- Serve as District liaison to Madison Education Foundation
- Establish and facilitate Budget Advisory Committee (teachers, support staff, parents, community members) to make annual budget recommendations to the Superintendent based on an assessment of needs/priorities
- Establish and facilitate Citizens' Finance Advisory Committee that recommended at \$90M Bond and continuation of 15% M&O Override to Governing Board
- Contribute as a member of the Superintendent's Executive Team
- Provide and present information and make recommendations to the Governing Board
- Leverage funding sources to provide maximum resources to student learning
- Create, develop, and implement vision for world-class facilities that promote student success
- Develop, monitor, and evaluate systems to standardize processes and ensure compliance with state and federal laws

Creighton Elementary School District | Phoenix, AZ

Director of Finance (09/98 – 06/08) Coordinator III – Business Services (04/96 – 09/98)

- Planned, directed, and coordinated the areas of accounting, finance, fixed assets, purchasing and warehouse to ensure compliance with state and federal laws
- Prepared financial reports for the Governing Board, state and federal projects, School Facilities Board, Department of Revenue and Department of Education
- Coordinated all phases of district financial audits including implementation of audit recommendations
- Directed the financial related efforts of bond and budget override elections and bond sales including coordination with consultants, legal counsel, and State/County officials
- Served on the administrative meet and confer team for salary negotiations and policy development
- Developed, recommended, and implemented accounting and control practices and procedures
- Established and conducted on-going district-wide training sessions on business services policies and procedures

Mesa Public Schools | Mesa, AZ

Senior Accountant (03/91 – 04/96)

- Prepared budgets and financial statements for various programs
- Prepared cash flow analysis for bond funds and arbitrage
- Generated expense reports, reconciled accounts, and maintained accounting records

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Executive Master of Business Administration | Grand Canyon University | Phoenix, AZ

Bachelor of Science, Accountancy | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ

Certified Public Accountant | State of Arizona | License #9046-E

Franklin Covey 7 Habits Certified Trainer

Gallup Certified Strengths Coach

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Arizona Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) | International Association of School Business Officials (ASBO Int'l) | Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) | Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association (ASPAA)

PRESENTATIONS

Educating Students in Poverty – Funding: Opportunities and Challenges

ASBA 45th Annual Law Conference Panel, September 2021

Helping Your Stakeholders Understand School Finance

The Force is Strong. Financial Foundations

AASBO Annual Conference & Exposition, July 2021

GFOA Smarter Schools Spending & Best Practices Seminar

Piper Sandler Partners in Progress, April 2021

Cultivating Relationships and System Alignment Through a Continuous Learning Framework

AASA - The School Superintendents Association, National Conference on Education, February 2020

Arizona Horizon – Arizona Education: School Budgets and Prop 123

KAET CH 8, May 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4bsP805yL8&t=186s>