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ALL STUDENTS MATTER NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
ANGIE HOLMAN TAKES THE HELM OF THE GROWING NONPROFIT

MENLO PARK, CA. (Nov. 5, 2019) All Students Matter, a nonprofit devoted to working with teachers in the Ravenswood City School District to support the success of underserved students in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park, announced Angie Holman has been named as the organization's new Executive Director.

Ms. Holman brings a true passion for the Ravenswood students as a four year member of ASM's leadership team and as a volunteer for other local nonprofits supporting literacy and mentoring. In addition to her extensive experience with nonprofits such as Upward Scholars, The Peninsula College Fund, Sacred Heart Schools Parent Teacher Organization, and the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation, Ms. Holman brings business experience from the for-profit sector including management positions at Wells Fargo, General Mills, and General Motors.

Ms. Holman succeeds ASM's first Executive Director, Carolyn Blatman, who oversaw ASM's steady expansion as the organization grew in its first decade from about 10 volunteers in one school to nearly 200 volunteers in all five of the Ravenswood elementary schools. ASM's growth enabled its volunteers to inspire many more students to improve their academic performance and self-confidence as well as enabled more adults to become involved in and support their broader community. ASM's success was recognized by the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce which awarded the nonprofit the Golden Acorn Award in 2018 for making a significant contribution to the Menlo Park community.

"Angie Holman has the perfect blend of business skills and passion for educational equity that will make her an inspiring and effective leader for All Students Matter," says Jeanette Kennedy, ASM Chairman of the Board. "Ms. Holman's leadership, program management, relationship building, and strategic planning experience will serve ASM well. Already she's guided our organization deftly as we ramped up an expansion of our literacy intervention support program and our 5th grade mentoring book club, which we offer in addition to our in-classroom support. She's building strong relationships with the district, principals, and teachers and we could not be more pleased with her leadership."

Ms. Holman's hiring comes as ASM implements an expansion of its tutoring programs to serve even more students in the Ravenswood district. This year, ASM has doubled the number of volunteers supporting the Ravenswood district's literacy intervention program. This program has seen much success in raising students' reading levels with consistent, daily literacy practice. Brownyn Alexander,

former Belle Haven School Literacy Coach says, "I have been very fortunate to work with an extremely dedicated group of ASM volunteers. The students in the structured literacy groups have on average improved a full year's growth in 12 weeks! The work ASM does is invaluable and extends my impact to three times more students."

In addition, ASM will be expanding its 5th grade mentoring book club this year from 4 classrooms to 10 classrooms and from 8 weeks to 12 weeks in the spring. Designed in cooperation with the Ravenswood literacy and counseling specialists, the 5th grade mentoring book club is a comprehensive program that addresses not only the academic needs of the students, but also provides critical support for their social/emotional well being. The book club has dual goals of improving reading comprehension and also empowering the students with a resiliency "toolbox" to better equip them to handle personal challenges.

To support this expansion, for the first time All Students Matter will be joining in the national GivingTuesday campaign, reaching out to community members who wish to support their mission.

"I couldn't be more thrilled to become the new Executive Director for All Students Matter as it enters its second decade serving the teachers and students of the Ravenswood City School District. I look forward to continuing the strong relationships with the Superintendent, district experts in literacy and counseling, the principals and teachers. I believe that every child has the right to a quality education no matter what neighborhood they live in," Ms. Holman said.

About All Students Matter: Inspired by the belief that every child deserves an equal opportunity to learn, All Students Matter (ASM) has been sending trained volunteers to classrooms in the Ravenswood district since 2008 to help improve students' academic performance and self-confidence. ASM is unique because they support young elementary school students by placing tutors in their classrooms each week throughout the school year at no cost to the school district. ASM's dedicated, trained volunteers are a consistent, caring presence in the lives of these children, working weekly in the same classroom with the same students throughout the school year. In this school district, about 65% of the students are English learners, more than 90% are low income, and over 40% are in unstable housing or considered homeless. All Students Matter supports students facing these challenges. www.allstudentsmatter.org

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