



## **Bret Lynes – Teacher of the Year**

Bret has been a beloved math and science teacher at McAuliffe Middle School for the past 17 years. He is an excellent teacher, role model and man of character. Bret's passion for teaching makes learning come alive and approachable for students, especially with difficult content. He loves working with young people and truly ignites unlimited possibilities for the students in his care. Bret is masterful at the art and science of teaching! He embodies all of the characteristics that represent the Los Al Way and equally represents our outstanding teaching staff. He is smart, caring, positive, and a life-long learner. He embraces all challenges that benefits students and works tirelessly to help every student be successful. Bret has an incredible sense of humor and works well with everyone he encounters. He is a man who acts with integrity, humility and grace in everything he does.

Bret has taken on many leadership roles during his seventeen years in Los Alamitos Unified providing support to teachers, students and administration. In addition to his regular teaching assignment, Bret serves as a 6-8 Math TOSA and participates on several committees throughout the district. He is a math team leader and has been a technology coordinator for McAuliffe Middle School. He has conducted various technology integration trainings for staff and is always willing to help others.

Bret lives in Los Alamitos with his wife, Julie who also works for Los Alamitos USD and has also been a proud parent in our District, as his triplet daughters attend Lee Elementary School.

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