

Fresno Unified School District spokeswoman to resign

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Micheline Golden

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Fresno Unified School District spokeswoman Micheline Golden announced Tuesday that she is resigning from her post. Her last day of work is Friday.

“The role of CIO (chief information officer) is a busy one, and recent events in my life have necessitated my making some changes to slow down a bit,” Golden said in a statement. She has been on medical leave since the end of January.

Golden’s annual salary is \$119,600. She was hired last March to replace Jamilah Fraser, who resigned in August 2013 after nearly a year and a half on the job.

Fresno Unified has had a number of chief information officers resign since Superintendent Michael Hanson was hired in 2005, including Erin Kennedy, who spent a year in the post, and Peri Lynn Turnbull, who spent around two years in the position.

Golden said her decision to resign was not an easy one.

“I am reminded every day how important our work is to our more than 70,000 students, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked side-by-side with the people who are dedicated to helping our students achieve a bright future for themselves and the Fresno community. ... I enjoy the daily challenges of the role and the interaction with some very talented people. I have full confidence in the Fresno Unified communications team, and I know they will continue to strongly support district initiatives and goals.”

Amy Idsvoog will continue to serve in Golden’s post intermittently until the position is filled. District officials didn’t have a timetable for recruitment on Tuesday.

Before Golden was hired at Fresno Unified, she was taking a three-year break from public relations, working as owner of a Clovis-based yarn business called Knit Addiction. She previously worked as a spokeswoman for Valley Children’s Hospital, Fresno County and the Clovis Police Department.

On Tuesday, Fresno Unified provided a brief statement about Golden’s resignation: “Fresno Unified appreciates the time Micheline Golden served as chief information officer. Micheline is a well-respected professional in the community and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.”

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