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**GRADES OF GREEN WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUSAN WARSHAW**  
Non-profit Veteran Brings Expertise in Education and Sustainability to Globally Inspire Students

Susan Warshaw has been named executive director of South Bay-based non-profit Grades of Green, an environmental education organization dedicated to changing the course of the future by making environmental protection second-nature in young minds today. Warshaw will oversee the expansion of Grades of Green's reach to further its mission while developing strategies that sustain that growth.

An experienced leader in the education non-profit sector, Warshaw previously held the position of executive director at the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation, where she raised millions of dollars annually for programs that inspire learning, enrich teaching, promote innovation and academic excellence in the Manhattan Beach public schools. In addition, Warshaw also recently raised funds for the El Camino College Foundation. Her career began in Washington, DC, consulting to EPA and state environmental agencies. After moving to Los Angeles, she continued working in the environmental field, focusing on public involvement.

Since the organization's inception in 2008, the role of executive director at Grades of Green has been shared between the Grades of Green co-founders, Lisa Coppedge, Shaya Kirkpatrick, Suzanne Kretschmer and Kim Lewand Martin. Over the past six months, Martin held the position and will continue to serve as Director of Programs and Communications. All founders remain active on Grades of Green's Boards.

"I'm excited to welcome Susan to the team as she guides Grades of Green in the next phase of our organization's growth to inspire and empower more students to care for the environment," said Martin.

Warshaw said, "I'm eager to lead the Grades of Green team as we expand our reach nationally and internationally. From our start with one school just a short while ago, we are reaching more students everyday and providing K-12 environmental education that brings students, parents and the larger school community together for sustainable and measurable results."

Warshaw holds a master's degree from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. In her free time, she is passionate about serving the South Bay community, including her position as vice president of philanthropy at the Neptunian Women's Club in Manhattan Beach and previous involvement with the LA chapter of the American Heart Association.

For more information about Grades of Green, please visit [www.gradesofgreen.org](http://www.gradesofgreen.org).

**ABOUT GRADES OF GREEN**

GRADES OF GREEN is an environmental education nonprofit dedicated to providing parents, students and educators free, fun and simple Grades of Green Activities to inspire and empower students to care for the environment. Originating at Grandview Elementary School in Manhattan Beach in 2008, Grades of Green provides hands-on sustainability programs to those wanting to instill environmental values at their school. Registering online is free and you can gain access to step-by-step instructions to 40+ Grades of Green Activities, including downloadable lessons, resources, and artwork, and measure your environmental progress. Every Grades of Green school receives a one-on-one Advisor to mentor the school as they implement Grades of Green Activities. To join the 300,000+ students and 450+ schools in our green school movement, register at [gradesofgreen.org](http://gradesofgreen.org).

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