

# Xavier De La Torre, Ed.D.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*Leading The Way For Our Children & Better Education In Our Public Schools*

Meet Dr. Xavier De La Torre, the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. He is responsible for the County Office of Education, comprising of the 31 county school districts. Each school Principal in Santa Clara County reports to their District Superintendent, and each District Superintendent has the support of Dr. De La Torre.

It is a challenge today for our children K-12 to “keep up” with modern change. The future is here and continually moving so fast. If education is not moving one forward, it is indeed moving that someone backward.

Dr. De La Torre believes there is a lot of potential when it comes to public school education here in Silicon Valley. It is unique, he said, how we are surrounded by so many highly educated from Stanford, Santa Clara and San Jose State Universities - as well as the many who live and work In Silicon Valley ... Such is the possibility that can inspire and help support the personal growth of many.

From his own experience, Dr. De La Torre knows well about instilling belief and confidence, also having people along the way who will inspire, also having the students realize they are in control of their own destiny, also never allowing anyone to define (or limit) them.

Before coming to Santa Clara County, Dr. De La Torre was recruited for a select position of District Superintendent in El Paso, Texas. Everyone thought he would be ideal for this job and how he could make such a difference. He went from serving 62,000 students in California to 40,000 (later 45,000) in Texas.

In each of his three years there, Dr. De La Torre's school district was selected as one of the top ten school districts in Texas, and two of those three years, a finalist as one of the top five urban school districts in the US.

Dr. De La Torre then accepted coming to Santa Clara County, seeing this potential and again the opportunity of making such a difference. There are now already a few new programs in place which he and many others are excited about and plans yet for others which they are also looking forward to. These are special works in progress ... and inspiring stories to be continued.

