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SCCOE names Mary Ann Dewan as Chief Schools Officer

SAN JOSE, CA – The Cabinet-level position of Chief Schools Officer at the Santa Clara County Office of Education has been filled this week with the appointment of Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. She will join the office on Monday, Oct. 21.

Dewan is currently the Executive Director of the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC), a public educational agency that provides services to 22 public school districts and operates programs for students throughout the state.

“We’re very fortunate to bring on board such an experienced educator to oversee our Student Services Branch,” said Dr. Xavier De La Torre, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. “Dr. Dewan’s expertise in educational administration will be invaluable as we continue to provide vital services to students across the county.”

As the head of the SCCOE’s Student Services Branch, Dewan will oversee the office’s educational and student programs including Alternative Education, Environmental Education, Early Learning Services, Foster Youth Services, Migrant Education and Special Education.

Prior to her role with CIESC, Dewan served as Assistant Superintendent and Director of Special Education for the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township in Indianapolis, IN. She has also taught and been a principal for Indianapolis Public Schools.

Dewan earned her doctorate in educational administration from Indiana State University. She received a master’s degree in educational administration and elementary education from Butler University, and a bachelors’ degree in elementary education, with a minor in special education, from Marian University.