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Santa Clara County Board of Education names new superintendent

The Santa Clara County Board of Education voted unanimously on Wednesday night to appoint Jon R. Gundry as the new County Superintendent of Schools, effective Aug. 1.

Announced as the sole finalist for the position in June, Gundry is currently the Superintendent of the Pasadena Unified School District.

"The Board is pleased to welcome Superintendent Gundry to Santa Clara County and we are confident that he will provide the SCCOE and its staff with the vision and leadership necessary to guide the organization's advocacy, ensure efficacy and continue to provide students, schools and districts with the best continuum of services possible," said Board President Leon Beauchman.

Gundry has served as Superintendent of Pasadena Unified, a district of 18,000 students, since he was appointed by the Board of Education in July 2011. He has over three decades of experience as a teacher, principal and instructional leader.

"It is a great honor to be selected as the new Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools and I look forward to engaging with the entire community – the SCCOE staff, teachers, district and charter school leaders, students, families and community leaders – as we work together to improve educational equity for every student that we serve. Ensuring that all children have access to high-quality instructional opportunities is at the core of the SCCOE's mission and it is imperative that all of our students are provided with the support and tools necessary to reach their greatest potential," said Gundry.

Gundry's contract with the Board includes an annual salary of \$295,000.

Prior to his tenure with Pasadena Unified, Gundry served as Deputy Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) from 2008 to 2010. Gundry was appointed Interim Superintendent of LACOE in September 2010. As Chief Executive Officer for LACOE and Secretary of the County Board of Education, he was responsible for the financial and academic success of 80 school districts serving over two million children, with \$16 billion in school district funding.

Before joining LACOE, Gundry served in the Houston Independent School District beginning in 1982. He has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Spanish from Northern Arizona University and a Master's Degree

in Education Administration from Houston Baptist University. Fluent in Spanish, Mr. Gundry was a Fulbright Scholar and spent a year teaching in Nicosia, Cyprus.