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SCCOE welcomes new superintendent

SAN JOSE, CA – "In many ways I feel like this is the first day of school," said Jon R. Gundry, the new Superintendent of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) who began his tenure today. This morning, hundreds of staff members from across the county gathered at the Ridder Park office to greet their new chief, who said he was excited about this new opportunity.

Superintendent Gundry shared a little about his background as a brand-new high school teacher of English learners all the way through his experience as a high school assistant principal and elementary school principal in Houston, Texas. His career path ultimately led him back to his birth state of California in 2008, where he served in various central administrative capacities including Interim Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

"Every single job in the organization exists in order to help kids be successful. Everybody should have that view of what they do whether you work directly with kids or not, what we do is important because of what it does to create an environment in which children can thrive and be successful," Gundry said to a standing-room only crowd.

In addition to speaking about his background, Superintendent Gundry shared his passion for serving traditionally underserved children and the importance of helping to narrow the achievement gap by providing the necessary resources available. He encouraged staff about the lasting value and meaning of the work performed by each and every SCCOE staff member.

"We always have to put kids first and we are here to make sure that kids in this county are successful. We have our role in doing that and we have our role in assisting school districts in accomplishing that mission," he said.

Superintendent Gundry also said he planned to do a lot of observing and getting to know people during his first few months on the job.

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