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Superintendent announces leadership changes to enhance performance and coordination of SCCOE services

SAN JOSE, CA –Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry announced today several leadership changes at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). These staffing moves will enhance interdepartmental collaboration, communication, and integration of services heading into the new fiscal year.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan is now serving as Deputy Superintendent, effective July 1. Dr. Dewan served as Chief Schools Officer since October 2013. She also served as interim superintendent of schools from April through July 2014.

“We’re very fortunate to bring Dr. Dewan’s incredible knowledge and experience to the position of Deputy Superintendent,” said Gundry. “She has been a great asset to this organization as Chief Schools Officer, and I look forward to our continued work together to bring exemplary programs and services to our students, schools, and districts.”

In addition, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Angelica Ramsey is being elevated to Associate Superintendent with additional liaison responsibilities to districts and oversight of the Office of Innovative Schools, which includes charter schools.

General Counsel Maribel Medina and Chief Business Officer Micaela Ochoa will be leaving the SCCOE to pursue other professional opportunities. By July 20, Mark Skvarna will begin serving as Interim Chief Business Officer with responsibilities of all business functions. Skvarna has been consulting with the SCCOE as part of a thorough review of the department. He brings a wealth of expertise, having served 13 years as the superintendent of Baldwin Park Unified School District. He is a former deputy superintendent of business services and has served in various other school-business roles as part of his more than 25 years of experience in K-12 education.

“These changes will further position the SCCOE to provide well-coordinated, integrated, and supportive services to our school districts and community,” said Gundry. “We look forward to this new dynamic structure, which I have every confidence will carry us into the new school year with positive momentum.”

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