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SCCOE welcomes new Chief Schools Officer Dr. Steve Olmos

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SAN JOSE, CA – Dr. Steve Olmos has been tapped by County Superintendent of Schools Jon Gundry to serve on his cabinet as Chief Schools Officer for the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Olmos officially joined the office on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Olmos comes to the SCCOE from the Butte County Office of Education where he served as Associate Superintendent – English Learner and Migrant Education. In this capacity, Olmos served 10,000 migrant students across 22 counties, overseeing supplemental programs to ensure all students succeed and graduate from high school.

"Dr. Olmos brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of success to the SCCOE," said Superintendent Gundry. "I am looking forward to collaborating with him as we continue to serve, inspire, and promote student and public school success."

As the head of the SCCOE's Student Services Branch, Olmos 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 his work at BCOE, Olmos served as Superintendent of Willows Unified School District in Northern California. He has also taught at the elementary, middle school and high school levels and held the roles of vice-principal and principal.

Olmos earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California. He received a master's degree in educational administration from Pepperdine University, and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in bilingual education and a minor in Spanish from California State University, Chico.

For more information about the vital programs Olmos' Student Services team provides for children across the county, visit the <u>branch website</u>.