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Leon Beauchman to resign his Area 3 seat on the County Board of Education effective March 31

SAN JOSE, CA – In a letter sent today to County Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry, Area 3 Trustee Leon Beauchman announced his resignation from the Santa Clara County Board of Education effective March 31.

"I've been presented an opportunity to serve in a different capacity and so a new journey begins for me," said Mr. Beauchman.

Trustee Beauchman is currently serving his 13th year on the Board of Education. He is the president of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators, and director of the Wireless Communications Initiative, which is a Joint Venture Silicon Valley project. Previously, he worked as Area Manager in the External Affairs organization at AT&T and is a 24-year veteran of the company.

"It has been very rewarding for me to work with so many remarkable people," Beauchman said. "My fellow Board members have worked together to change education in the County in some profound ways. Our staff has inspired me on so many occasions that it's made all the meetings and long hours worthwhile."

To fill the vacancy, the County Board has the option to either order an election or make a provisional appointment no later than 60 days from the date the seat becomes vacant.

"Serving with Trustee Beauchman has been a genuine pleasure," said Board President Darcie Green. "He is a true leader, role model and inspiration, whose service to this Board and the community is immeasurable. He will definitely be missed."

"Mr. Beauchman's calm but commanding leadership and presence will be greatly missed," said County Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry. "His wealth of experience and his keen insight and perspective will not be replaced easily."

"I leave my position believing the leadership of the COE is in good hands," Mr. Beauchman said in his letter to Superintendent Gundry. "Thank you for your commitment and I look forward to supporting you and the organization in new ways."

Area 3 consists of the following school districts: Cambrian, Campbell Union, Luther Burbank, Moreland, Union and Campbell Union High school districts and small portions of San Jose Unified and Santa Clara Unified.

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