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SCCOE Employee Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

SAN JOSE, CA – A Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) employee was arrested today on child pornography-related charges. Edgar Covarrubias worked at the Walden West facility in Cupertino. Covarrubias, who was first employed by the SCCOE in August 2013, has been removed from his position as substitute recreation assistant and evening facilities monitor. The SCCOE is cooperating fully with law enforcement, which initiated the investigation.

“I want to reassure the community that the safety and security of our students and staff is our highest priority,” said Jon R. Gundry, County Superintendent of Schools. “Such allegations are simply intolerable and we will thoroughly review all aspects of this case to ensure we continue to provide a safe learning environment for all students.”

Like all SCCOE employees, when hired, Covarrubias was subject to all of the standard background screening for employment, including fingerprint clearance from the Department of Justice.

Walden West is a County Office of Education program that provides science and environmental education and outdoor school experiences. It operates at two sites, one in Saratoga and the second in Cupertino.

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