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David Wu to join SCCOE as Chief Technology Officer

SAN JOSE, CA – David Wu will lead the Technology Services Branch at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) as the new Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Wu will begin his duties as a member of the Superintendent’s Cabinet on June 1.

Wu is currently the Chief Information Officer and Assistant Superintendent in the Office of Information Technology Services for the Hawaii Department of Education (HDE). Hawaii is a statewide school district, making it the ninth-largest school district in the nation, with over 170,000 students and 255 schools.

In his role at the HDE, Wu has been responsible for the strategy, operation, and direction of computing and information technology systems for the school district, including the development of strategic plans and roadmaps for modernizing legacy systems. He was also the chief advisor to the Superintendent and senior leadership on all aspects of technology and its use in 21st-century learning and was responsible for interacting with the Hawaii State Board of Education, the State Legislature, and other public entities with regard to technology and its usage within K-12 education. He supervised an office of more than 150 employees and was responsible for an annual operating budget of $23 million.

“David Wu brings to the SCCOE an impressive skillset to lead us in providing important technology services to the county’s school districts,” said Jon R. Gundry, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. “His experience in both the public K-12 and private sectors will also be extremely valuable in helping us foster an environment of education technology innovation to assist our educators, families and students.”

As the head of the SCCOE’s Technology Services Branch, Wu will oversee the organization’s education support and information technology and infrastructure functions, with a focus on administrative support, network security administration, information systems operations, data systems and telecommunications. He will be tasked with encouraging the development of innovative technology and the implementation of technology plans based on the SCCOE’s Educational Master Plan, goals and objectives.
Prior to his role with the HDE, Wu served in the private sector as a senior director of systems development for Hawaiian Airlines; and as a senior engineer for IBM and development manager for Oracle in the Bay Area.

Wu earned a BA in computer science from the University of California, Berkeley, and is proficient in several computer languages and operating systems.

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