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Jeff Schmidt named Region 8 ACSA CTE Administrator of the Year

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SAN JOSE, CA – Jeff Schmidt, Career Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator for the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), is the new CTE Administrator of the Year for Region 8 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

"I was super surprised, mostly because in our region there are many passionate, experienced CTE administrators," Schmidt shared of his reaction.

He has been CTE Coordinator with SCCOE since June 2014. Before that, he served as Assistant Principal and CTE Coordinator at the Silicon Valley Career Technical Education Center for one year, where he also taught CTE for nine years.

"I am passionate about the fact Career Technical Education can provide continuity in our education system for students, from kindergarten to career," Schmidt said. "I think that CTE is very important right now, for our nation and state. It allows students to be successful in many different ways, by helping them participate in career pathways and providing multiple options in addition to a baccalaureate degree to become successful."

Sheila Walters, Mathematics Coordinator and ACSA Region 8 Programs Co-chair, nominated Schmidt for the award.

"Jeff simply exemplifies what leadership is," she explained. "He is very professional, a collaborator, and someone who wants success for everyone - colleagues, educators, parents and students."

The ACSA Administrator of the Year Award is bestowed upon active members who have demonstrated a commitment to the success of all students and create positive, collaborative cultures and initiatives that empower educators, families and students to achieve great things together.

Schmidt will be honored at the Region 8 Annual Awards Ceremony at the Corinthian Ballroom on Friday, May 13, 2016. He will continue on as the regional nomination for the State ACSA CTE Administrator of the Year Award.