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## District Hires New Associate Superintendent



The El Dorado Union High School District is pleased to announce the appointment of **Christopher Hoffman** as Associate Superintendent for Educational Services. Hoffman replaces Dennis Carocci who served in this position for the last 10 years. Carocci is retiring after 37 years in education.

Hoffman's educational leadership includes 7 years as high school principal: 3 years at Tokay High School in the Lodi Unified School District (student population 2,850), then more recently 4 years at Mira Loma High School in the San Juan Unified School District (student population 1,700).

Hoffman states that he has focused his efforts in the educational arena developing his leadership and communication skills with relation to closing the achievement gap. His educational philosophy has been to use the collaborative process, involving teachers, parent leaders, students, and other stakeholders, in curriculum development, assessment, and instruction to improve the academic performance of all students. He states, "Supporting one's staff to meet their professional and personal goals and challenges through professional collaboration is also of primary importance and relates directly to the quality of instruction our students receive."

In addition to his experience with categorical programs and the budget process, Hoffman also has experience with a wide variety of curricula, including California State Content Standards, English Language Development Standards, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate Programs.

He received both his Master of Education degree in Educational Administration and his Professional Administrative Services Credential from University of La Verne and his BA in Social Science from CSU-Sacramento. Among his varied responsibilities throughout his educational career, Hoffman also served as a high school vice principal, teacher-in-charge, social science teacher, and as a member of the district's Instructional Cabinet and negotiations team. He has extensive training and experience teaching the *Framework for Understanding Poverty* and Cultural Proficiency.

"I am excited about joining the El Dorado Union High School District," says Hoffman. "I believe our goals for high educational achievement for all students are one in the same, and I look forward to this new experience and opportunity to contribute."

El Dorado Union High School District Superintendent Sherry Smith states that, "I believe, we have found the perfect fit for our District. This important role greatly impacts how well our students perform academically and socially. Mr. Hoffman has demonstrated all of the qualities we need in continuing our upward momentum for a strong and caring educational environment for our students."

Hoffman lives in Elk Grove with his wife Judy and their two children—Chris (age 10), Jacob (8). He will assume his new role effective July 1.