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EDUHSD Superintendent Stephen Wehr Announces Retirement



The El Dorado Union High School District announces the retirement of Superintendent Stephen Wehr from the El Dorado Union High School District, effective June 30, 2018. Superintendent Wehr's retirement marks the end of an exemplary career, including over 35 years of distinguished service in education. Wehr served 9 years as the Principal of Oak Ridge High School, 1.5 years as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and 3.5 years successfully leading the El Dorado Union High School District as the Superintendent.

Superintendent Wehr began his teaching career in 1983 as a middle school teacher at Center Junior High School. After one year of teaching, he took on a teaching position at Center High School where he taught at the high school level for six years in the Center Joint Unified School District (CJUSD) including other roles such as Athletics Director and Dean of Student Services. In 1989, he served an additional six years as the High School's Assistant Principal/WASC Coordinator. As he moved up the administrative career ladder, he gained broad experience with the CJUSD as the Principal for ten years. Wehr is an active member of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). He is an engaged and active member of the community, always supporting students and public education.

School Board President David Del Rio said, "We are saddened by the loss of such an exceptional and exemplary Superintendent. Stephen is a man of class, grace, strong character, and incredible acumen. He has definitely left his mark on education in this District and has left imprints everywhere. His efforts and successes will never be forgotten. However, after 35 years of exceptional service in the education field, including fourteen years in our District, he has certainly earned entry into this new phase of his life. While we will miss him and are sad to see him go, we truly wish him the absolute best."

Wehr stated "During my career, I have had the honor and privilege of teaching and learning with young people and those that teach and guide them for over 35 years. I make the announcement at this time so the Board of Trustees will have ample time to search for and secure the new Superintendent."

"I am consistently humbled by faculty and support staff that not only stimulate and engage our students academically, but also work to provide a safe nurturing environment where students can gain confidence as learners as well as the social and emotional skills that will serve them well as they transition to the postsecondary opportunities of their choosing. This unwavering commitment to our young people makes us who we are. I am appreciative of the amazing support our students receive from our parents and community partners. Through their efforts, our students' educational experience is truly enriched."

"Additionally, I have been privileged to work closely with a Board of Trustees whose commitment and leadership is second to none. The Board has worked tirelessly on behalf of our district, always keeping in mind what is best for our students. This Board's collective impact has been tremendous."

"Finally, I would like to thank the students of El Dorado Union High School District who helped me see things in new ways, and have never ceased to amaze and inspire me. I have enjoyed witnessing students grow and thrive as they demonstrate academic accomplishments through rigorous coursework, amazing performances through visual and performing arts, and sportsmanship on our athletic fields. In these settings, our young people have learned how to learn, how to believe in themselves as well as how to be responsible to each other and the greater community."

"Special thanks to my Cabinet members for their guidance and support and to my assistants, Sylvia Torres and Serena Fuson."

"It has been an honor to serve"

The School Board will begin the process for filling the Superintendent position for the 2018-19 school year immediately. President Del Rio said, "Stephen has all the qualities we want in our next Superintendent. He is personable, reliable, has incredible judgment, and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise related to student achievement and success, and to a smooth functioning and financially healthy district. We look forward to finding someone with similar attributes who can take up the torch as we continue into the 21st century."