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**County Superintendent Dr. Ron Carruth
Receives Statewide Distinguished Service Award**



Dr. Ron Carruth, Superintendent of the El Dorado Union High School District, will be receiving the 2023 Ferd J. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award on November 3, 2023 at the Association of California School Administrators Leadership Summit in Sacramento, CA.

The Ferd J. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor ACSA can present to an individual. The award is made in the memory of Kiesel, ACSA's founding president.

Dr. Carruth has had a significant impact in shaping educational policy over the years through

ACSA and other affiliated groups. He currently serves as the President of ACSA California Superintendent's Council. This unique Presidency gives him the opportunity to work with ACSA staff to identify and shape State policy and respond to multiple pieces of legislation. He has worked closely with the ACSA Governmental Relations Team to speak with key legislators, influential legislative personnel, the Governor's staff and other key Education Coalition members. He was a prominent voice for safely opening our schools for students during the COVID-19 era.

Dr. Carruth serves as the President of the California High School Coalition with membership of over 50 districts committed to provide a voice for the needs of high school students. This group has identified key areas such as mental health funding, dual enrollment access, and understanding the complexities of high schools as urgent issues that need to be addressed.

Previously he served as the President of California City Superintendents coordinating key legislative, legal and economic speakers to help guide the early stage of the implementation of the LCFF. He is a member of the Southern California and Northern California Superintendent groups.

Nationally, Dr. Carruth has been an active member of the American Association of School Administrators for 15 years. He has lobbied congress in conjunction with ACSA, CSBA, AASA, and the National Association of Superintendents multiple times on educationally related issues, particularly the implications of IDEA.

Finally, Dr. Carruth has had the opportunity to sit on the ACS-WASC Commission for six years overseeing the accreditation of all high schools in California and Hawaii as well as the majority of independent schools in Asia while serving as ACSA liaison with the commission. His work beyond California has impacted Hawaii, Japan, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong SAR, Vietnam and Thailand where he has helped lead teams to improve the educational outcome of students. His influence and contributions have been felt well beyond the local region.

Dr. Carruth and his wife Laurie reside in Placerville and are both products of our local school systems. They are proud El Dorado High School graduates.