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Gary Waddell Announces Candidacy for San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools with Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Platform

San Mateo County Office of Education's Second-in-Command seeks County Superintendency to champion world-class schools for all of San Mateo County's students.

Dr. Gary Waddell has announced that he is running for San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools in 2018 at the end of County Superintendent Anne Campbell's term. Gary is currently the Deputy Superintendent of the San Mateo County Office of Education. Prior to his 11-year tenure there, he served at all levels of education as an innovative Principal and Counselor, and was a foster parent for special needs youth. Gary has been recognized as a statewide leader in education and is the Past Chair of California's prestigious Curriculum & Instruction Steering Committee.

Gary's slogan, "Standing Up for Kids," reflects his commitment to fight for San Mateo County students and their schools. "Public schools - and our core educational values themselves - are under siege at the federal level. Schools across the County face resource and achievement disparities. Children and families struggle with the lack of affordable housing, fear of deportation, and threats from Washington, D.C. to essential programs such as *Big Lift*-funded preschools. Over the past 18 months, I have spoken with parents, board members, and educators from one end of the County to the other who affirmed that we must take a stand for our students. The stakes could not be higher."

Dr. Waddell's platform calls for progressive, proven, and fiscally responsible leadership to deliver on the promise of world-class schools for every child in San Mateo County. He has a track record of innovation and advocacy for the arts, civics, environmental literacy, and social-emotional learning in schools.

Gary's endorsements include Assembly Member Kevin Mullin, Senator Scott Weiner, former Assembly Member Rich Gordon, County Supervisors Don Horsley and Warren Slocum, and former San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Jean Holbrook, in addition to many other local and statewide leaders.

Former Assembly Member Rich Gordon said, "Gary is the kind of leader that we need in San Mateo County – creative, visionary, and an advocate for all children." For more information, visit www.garywaddell.org