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**CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO ENDORSES GARY WADDELL FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

April 17, 2018 – San Mateo, CA. Today, Gary Waddell, candidate for San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, announced his endorsement by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo. Congresswoman Eshoo represents the southern portion of San Mateo County, as well as portions of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties.

In announcing her support, Congresswoman Eshoo stated, ““Dr. Gary Waddell has the experience and leadership skills to be a champion for students and an excellent Superintendent of Schools for our County. Gary is well prepared in the tradition of knowledgeable and dedicated Peninsula elected officials and I am pleased to endorse him.”

In response to her endorsement, Gary said, “It is a distinct honor to receive Congresswoman Anna Eshoo’s endorsement. Anna is known for her forward-thinking leadership, creativity, and boundary-breaking work. She has fought to protect the environment and to provide children and families access to health care. I am humbled to have her support and look forward to working with her to expand innovation, civics education, and collaboration as San Mateo County’s next Superintendent of Schools.”

Congresswoman Eshoo’s endorsement joins Gary’s growing list of endorsements that include Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assembly Members Kevin Mullin, Marc Berman and Phil Ting; Senator Scott Wiener; County Supervisors Carole Groom, David Canepa, Warren Slocum and Don Horsley; and many other San Mateo County leaders.

Gary’s full endorsement list can be viewed at <http://www.garywaddell.org/endorsements.html>

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**Dr. Gary Waddell** is a candidate for San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools in the June 5, 2018, countywide election. One of the primary responsibilities of the County Superintendent is to ensure financial and academic stability of the County’s 23 school districts that serve over 95,000 students. Dr. Waddell currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent of the San Mateo County Office of Education where he oversees the instructional services and programs and is second-in-command. He has more than 30 years of experience as a County administrator, school principal, teacher and school counselor at every educational level. Gary is a respected statewide leader in the field of education, and is a former Chair of California’s prestigious statewide Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee. He currently Chairs the statewide Visual and Performing Arts Committee and formerly served as Chair of the CA Mathematics Committee. He has been endorsed by over 250 elected and community leaders from across San Mateo County and California, including Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torklakson, State Senator Scott Wiener, current and former State Assembly Members Kevin Mullin, Marc Berman, Rich Gordon and Phil Ting, as well as San Mateo County Supervisors David Canepa, Carole Groom, Don Horsley and Warren Slocum. His website is <http://www.garywaddell.org/>