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CNUSD Superintendent Announces Retirement

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NORCO, CA – After twelve years of service in the Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD), with the past eight years as Superintendent, Dr. Michael Lin announces his intention to retire this fall. He informed the Board on August 4, 2020 during the closed session of the regularly scheduled Board meeting and later made his announcement to staff via email. The email read in part:



“I write this message with an abundance of gratitude and appreciation. Under the current restrictive health and safety conditions, I am sorry that I will not be able to share it with you in person. To some, this may not be a surprise as I have been contemplating the next phase of my life for more than a couple of years now. I originally had planned to retire from CNUSD at the end of the 2019-20 school year when my son graduated from high school, a pinnacle marker for

our family and an ideal time to close this chapter in my career after eight years of service as Superintendent. However, due to the unprecedented challenges created by the COVID19 pandemic, to postpone my last day beyond June 30 was the necessary and responsible thing to do. Today, with the schools reopening work underway, this letter will serve as my official farewell.”

Dr. Lin has led the largest school district in the Inland Empire through significant challenges during his tenure, including overseeing the transition to school trustee areas to comply with the Voters

Right Act; the passage of a \$396 million dollar bond for school improvement and technology projects; and leading the District through a pivotal time in public education brought about by substantial changes in school funding and the implementation of the Common Core curriculum.

Through it all, Dr. Lin kept a “people first” approach. “This family-oriented organizational culture has for many years fostered a rich learning environment for more than 53,000 students,” said Dr. Lin. In 2019, the California State Department of Education officially acknowledged CNUSD as a California Exemplary School District for excellence in student academics as well as social emotional achievements.

"Dr. Lin has accomplished so much in his eight years as Superintendent and has always surrounded himself with very talented people," said Mary Helen Ybarra, Board President. "His leadership began as the Assistant Superintendent in Human Resources during a very difficult time of fiscal cuts to CNUSD. He quickly proved he was the right person for our district." She adds, "his vision to continue to grow our STEM and Dual Immersion programs has been a great accomplishment for our students. From interacting with all his employees, regularly visiting schools, being relatable and compassionate, he has empowered people towards excellence. Dr. Lin will finally have more time to focus on his family, especially his aging parents who gave up so much to move him and his siblings to the United States. On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish him all the best!"

The Board of Education will begin the process of hiring the next Superintendent immediately. Dr. Lin will continue serving as Superintendent until a selection is made to ensure a smooth leadership transition takes place.

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ABOUT CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Corona-Norco Unified School District is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles in western Riverside County. CNUSD consists of thirty-one elementary schools, eight intermediate/middle schools, five comprehensive high schools, a middle college high school and three alternative schools. The district serves over 53,000 students in the diverse communities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale. CNUSD is the largest school district in Riverside County and the tenth largest district in California.