

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND  
DR. COLLEEN WILCOX  
PROVIDE FOR TRANSITION**

The Santa Clara County Board of Education and Dr. Colleen Wilcox have concluded an agreement that will provide for a smooth transition in the Superintendency in the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Dr. Wilcox on September 19, 2007, announced her intention to resign as the County Superintendent.

Dr. Wilcox will officially step down as County Superintendent on November 1, 2007, but will continue to assist with a smooth transition of the duties of the Superintendency thereafter. Dr. Wilcox will work with Mr. Joseph Fimiani and with the President of the County Board of Education, Mr. Gary Rummelhoff.

Mr. Fimiani will become Acting Superintendent on November 1, 2007. Mr. Fimiani is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services of the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Under the terms of the Agreement, Dr. Wilcox will discontinue employment services on behalf of the County Office of Education no later than July 1, 2008.

Mr. Rummelhoff indicated that the County Board of Education would begin a search for the new superintendent immediately. A consultant to assist in the search will be selected within 30 days. He indicated that the Board would like to seek input from the community during the selection process.

Dr. Wilcox served as the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools for slightly over fourteen years. During that time, minority hiring and retention in the County Office of Education has increased, the financial condition of the County Office of Education has improved, and educational issues have been confronted and overcome. Dr. Wilcox expressed great confidence in Mr. Fimiani's ability to continue those positive trends.

Mr. Rummelhoff said, "Our focus in the near term is to find a successor to fill some very big shoes. It is our objective to identify candidates with the energy and vision to continue to move the organization forward. We realize the critical role this position plays in advocating and supporting high quality public education in our community."