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Cuyama School Board appoints new district superintendent/principal

The Cuyama Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees recently appointed Dr. Stephen Bluestein as their new district superintendent/principal. He will begin his duties July 1, 2018.

He is currently the principal of Mesa Union School in Somis, California. Prior to that, he served as a principal for over nine years in the Los Angeles Unified School District. In addition to teaching elementary school for many years, Dr. Bluestein also taught English as a Second Language at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and at Moorpark College. He earned his doctorate degree from CSUN's Educational Leadership and Policy Studies program in 2011.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to become superintendent/principal of Cuyama Joint Unified School District," said Dr. Bluestein. "It is a wonderful school community that boasts a diverse group of children who are supported by caring teachers and staff members as well as active, concerned parents."

Upon the announcement, Board President Juan Gonzalez said, "Dr. Bluestein brings a wealth of educational leadership and experience to the position. We are excited that someone with his breadth and depth of experience will be leading our schools."

"Cuyama Joint Unified School District has a dedicated board, staff, and student population," said County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Salcido, whose office organized the job search. "Dr. Bluestein is a dynamic leader, and will support the district and community in advancing to the next level of student progress and achievement."

Dr. Bluestein has been married for 28 years and has two children. His wife Stephanie is an Associate Professor of Journalism at Cal State Northridge. Their son Jesse earned his master's degree in civil and environmental engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in March, and their daughter Jennifer is finishing her freshman year at Sonoma State University.

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