

News Release

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East Side Union High School District Hires Safety Chief

East Side Union High School District Superintendent, **Dr. Esperanza Zendejas**, has added a new member to her cabinet with the hiring of **Richard Abeyta** as Chief of Safety/Security and Student Services. “We are pleased to welcome to the East Side Union High School District family an individual with very strong and extensive experience in the field of safety and security,” stated Superintendent **Esperanza Zendejas**.

Mr. Abeyta brings to the district 15 years of service as the Chief of Police at San Jose State University. He will be responsible for student safety, attendance and discipline. He will also help coordinate all security efforts with other departments including facilities. “I am delighted to be given the opportunity to work with the ESUHSD in providing a safe and secure environment that fosters increased academic success for all students,” said **Rick Abeyta**.

Mr. Abeyta grew up in Southern Colorado. He received his BA and MA from Cal Poly Pomona. He spent 15 years in law enforcement in Southern California before taking his job at San Jose State University. He currently lives in the District attendance area. “I really want to work with the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees to provide the safest environment possible for all students. I would also like to continue building on the positive partnership that the District has with the San Jose Police Department,” stated the new Chief of Safety/Security and Student Services.

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