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East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees Selects Glenn Vander Zee as Superintendent

San Jose, CA. —The East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Glenn Vander Zee has been selected as the new superintendent of schools for the District. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Vander Zee’s appointment at the April 22 Board Meeting. He is scheduled to begin in his superintendent position on July 1.

The selection and appointment comes after a statewide search by the Board which included engagement with, and input from, District stakeholders including input sessions with administrators and staff, a community open forum for parents and other district stakeholders, and an online survey. Of the selection process and the caliber of candidates, **Board President Van Le said**, “The District was very fortunate to be able to select from such a highly qualified and impressive pool of candidates and we are excited that Mr. Vander Zee will be leading the District and in our mission to build equitable learning communities for all students.”

Mr. Vander Zee earned his bachelor’s degree at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his Master’s Degree in Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He currently serves as Associate Superintendent of Human Resources in the ESUHSD. Mr. Vander Zee has been an educator for more than 25 years. He began his career as a teacher in Puebla, Mexico. He has taught in elementary and middle schools, and he has served as principal at both the middle school and high school levels. He is an innovative leader in education and has been recognized by his peers in education as the National Principal of the Year – California, Middle Grades Principal of the Year, and Administrator of the Year.

Mr. Vander Zee has served as the Principal of James Lick High School, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services and the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources in the East Side Union High School District. In each of these positions Mr. Vander Zee worked collaboratively with fellow educators to develop clear outcomes, positive relationships and innovations toward improved student outcomes.

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Mr. Vander Zee said, “It is my honor to be selected as the District’s Superintendent. I am humbled by the Board’s selection and look forward to working with the amazing team of educators and professionals in the East Side community and to continue the work towards building equitable educational communities and opportunities for our students and families.” Mr. Vander Zee resides in San Jose with his wife and their two children.

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