

Press Release

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Castro Valley Superintendent Announces Retirement Superintendent Negri to Retire at the End of the Year

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After six years as Superintendent of the Castro Valley Unified School District, Jim Negri announced today that he plans to retire at the end of the current school year.

"I wish to thank the members of the Board of Education, both past and present, for their faith and trust in me to lead the district. I will always be grateful for the opportunity serve the community and grow as an educator," stated Superintendent Negri.

Superintendent Negri continued, "I applied to the Castro Valley Unified School District based on the board's unwavering commitment to the success of every student, strong fiscal management and belief in the Governance Team model. I have never been disappointed."

CVUSD Board President John Barbieri stated, "I sincerely thank Superintendent Negri for his service and commitment to both the Castro Valley Unified School District and the Castro Valley community. He has been actively involved with our schools, our parents and community organizations building strong partnerships to support our students and schools."

President Barbieri continued, "Jim has always focused on 'what is best of our students?' He has developed a team of site and district leaders that has stressed academic excellence while coping with the financial challenges of recent years. Jim worked to develop the district's first Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and to revive the District Equity Plan to ensure that all students succeed. As a board, we are committed to building upon this strong foundation."

"We will miss Jim's leadership and wish him well in his retirement," concluded President Barbieri.

Board Vice President Jo Loss added, "Jim has been an exemplary superintendent; acting as an instructional leader and a true believer in providing avenues to success for every student. He has been a force of nature in our community and represented the CVUSD in every possible venue. I wish him the very best possible in his retirement."

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“The opportunity to serve as superintendent in my own community was truly an amazing experience. Every day I had the opportunity to interact with our students and parents both in and out of school as well as be active in the community through the our PTAs/Parent Clubs, foundations, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Supervisor Miley’s Eden Area Livability Initiative (EALI) and other community organizations,” said Superintendent Negri.

“Working with our stakeholders, we have continued to move the district forward through all of the ups and downs; and there have far more ups than downs. I cherish each and every experience. Working collaboratively, we have accomplished a great deal, but we recognize that there is still work to be done to ensure the success of every student,” stated Superintendent Negri.

During Superintendent Negri’s tenure, the district schools and staff continued to be recognized for their academic achievement; managed the challenges of state budget cuts; began implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); upgraded technology throughout the district; wrote the district’s first Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP); revived the District Equity Plan; completed the seismic retrofitting of the schools; and implemented the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program.

Superintendent Negri concluded, “For 41 years, I have had incredible experiences as a teacher, site administrator, district office administrator and superintendent. I have truly loved every position, school and district in which I have served, but Castro Valley has been home. I would not trade any of these incredible experiences and memories for anything. I only hope that I gave back to the districts and communities as much as I received over the years. It has truly been an honor to serve.”

President Barbieri noted, “The board will initiate discussions at its meeting on January 29th regarding the process it will use to hire the next superintendent and plans to have the selection process completed prior to Superintendent Negri’s retirement.”

For further information, please Board President John Barbieri at 510.276.2056.

Background Information

Superintendent Negri was hired in May 2009 and started in July 2009. Prior to Castro Valley USD, he served as

- Superintendent of the Acalanes Union High School District, which serves Canyon, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and Walnut Creek (2004-2009).
- Superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District, which serves Mountain View (2002-2004).
- Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Director of Curriculum & Staff Development in the Pleasanton Unified School District (1991-2002).
- Director of Curriculum Alignment & Curriculum Assessment and High School Assistant Principal in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (1985-1991)

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In 2002, Superintendent Negri was honored as the Association of California Administrators (ACSA) Central Office Administrator of the Year.

Superintendent Negri currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley and the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce as well as Chair of the Eden Area Livability Initiative (EALI) Education Working Group.

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