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Matt Navo Selected as CCEE Executive Director



The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) is pleased to announce that the CCEE Governing Board has selected Matt Navo to serve as the Executive Director of CCEE.

Navo currently serves as the Director of Systems Transformation for the Center for Prevention and Early Intervention at WestEd. He helps schools and districts develop strategies, structures, policies, and practices to establish coherent and efficient systems for closing the achievement gap. He also works with the National Center on Systemic Improvement (NCSI) to support state education departments and local district leaders on building improvement methodologies and continuous improvement frameworks.

Navo is a Governor appointee to the State Board of Education (SBE) since March of 2019. He also has extensive leadership experience with the CCEE Governing Board, first as the Governor appointee from 2015-17, and later returned as the president of the California State Board of Education's designee to chair the CCEE Governing Board from December 2019 to April 2021.

Navo will be transitioning into his new role with the support of current Executive Director Tom Armelino, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

Armelino believes Navo's understanding of and familiarity with the work of CCEE will be instrumental in leading the agency moving forward. Coupled with Navo's experience as a K-12 educator and superintendent, technical assistance provider and member of the State Board of Education, Navo is well positioned to lead CCEE.

Chair Sue Burr expressed, "On behalf of the entire CCEE Board, I am delighted to welcome Matt Navo as our next Executive Director. His extensive experience in serving public school students at the local, state and national levels make him a perfect fit for the organization. His passion for assisting school districts to provide equitable, successful opportunities for all students will help amplify CCEE's work."

From 1999 to 2018, Navo served various positions at Sanger Unified School District, including director of pupil services and special education, area administrator, and superintendent. As Superintendent, Sanger Unified was recognized for its achievements, one of which was receiving a California District of Distinction in 2018.

Navo was an adjunct faculty member at California State University, Fresno from 2010 to 2013. He received his Bachelor's degree in education and Master's degree in special education from California State University, Fresno.

Navo acknowledges the importance of CCEE's role in California's school system, " I've grown up in the California public education system and have experienced first hand the benefits of public education. I have tremendous respect for the CCEE and the team leading this organization. California's System of Support for our local educators is one that I am passionate about, and I am here to help the System of Support to be the best system."

Navo is expected to transition into his new role beginning in August, "I am so grateful and humbled to be a part of the CCEE team. Chair Burr and Board members, thank you for the kind words and vote of confidence. I know that in succeeding Tom, I have huge shoes to fill with this important responsibility, and I plan to give you my very best self. I'm just so humbled for this opportunity. Thank you."

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About the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE)

CCEE is a statewide agency designed to help deliver on California's promise of a quality, equitable education for every student. CCEE does this by working collaboratively with other state agencies, partner agencies, county offices of education (COEs), and stakeholders to address the most pressing needs of California's local educational agencies (LEAs).