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**Welcome Chief Deputy Superintendent Mary Nicely
Designee for Board Member, Tony Thurmond**



The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) is pleased to introduce our new board member, Chief Deputy Superintendent of California Department of Education (CDE), Mary Nicely.

Nicely has served as Deputy Superintendent for the Information and Technology Branch and Senior Advisor to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond during his last term in the state Assembly. She began her role as Chief Deputy Superintendent of the California Department of Education (CDE) in September 2021.

Nicely is a first generation Burmese American and holds a bachelor's degree in political economy of industrial societies from the University of California, Berkeley, and a business administration degree from Monterey Peninsula Community College in Monterey.

Prior to her legislative career she was president and CEO of Nicely Done Solutions, Inc., a custom database development company headquartered in Berkeley that she founded in 1994. She also worked for Apple for 13 years, where she served as the Western U.S. K-12 service and support manager for seven years.

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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).