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Welcome New CCEE Board Member: Superintendent Mark Luque



The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) is pleased to introduce our new board member, Superintendent Mark Luque from Bakersfield City School District (BCSD). Luque was appointed to the five-member CCEE Governing Board by Governor Gavin Newsom on November 30, 2021.

Luque has worked in BCSD since 2014; and served the district as a district administrator, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent before beginning his role as Superintendent in June 2021. In addition to his professional experience in BCSD, Luque also graduated from BCSD's Mt. Vernon Elementary.

Luque has 23 years of experience in public education. He began his career in Delano Union School District, working as a classroom teacher before moving on to become a site administrator, district administrator, and assistant superintendent. Luque's work in education has earned him recognition as the Central Office Administrator of the Year two times in the past three years.

When striving for educational equity, collaboration and community play a major role in Luque's vision. He believes effective collaboration was what helped BSCD get through the worst of the pandemic. Furthermore, Luque acknowledges that addressing academic gaps early and prioritizing social-emotional learning are crucial for student success.

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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).