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## **BUSD SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

### **Six Years of Dedication to Berryessa Students and Local Community**

**San Jose, CA June 7, 2017** – Berryessa Union School District Superintendent Will Ector announced his retirement last night effective August 30, 2017. This completes 6 years of service to BUSD and caps 43 years in education. In retirement, Mr. Ector plans to continue his advocacy for public education and mentoring of aspiring administrators.

“Mr. Ector’s leadership at the district greatly improved the quality of our educational programs, strengthened the district’s connection with our local community, and increased student achievement,” said Thelma Boac, School Board President. While we are sad to see Mr. Ector’s departure, we are grateful for his strong ability to set high goals and adjust resources to achieve those goals and always maintaining a student-centered focus for every decision.”

Mr. Ector was appointed the chief executive position in July of 2011 and successfully implemented his plan to improve the quality of learning for all students. He was instrumental in creating 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments at every school; increased student access to classroom technology, extended the district’s parcel tax and was successful in passing the district’s first facilities bond in over 20 years to modernize all thirteen schools in the district.

“I’ve been blessed to work with a talented administrative team and dedicated educators throughout the district, said Will Ector, BUSD Superintendent. “Above all, I have had the pleasure of working with a very supportive Board of Trustees who have always put our students first.” Berryessa Union School District serves a highly diverse pre-school through grade eight student population. It has an ADA of 8,100 students with three middle schools and ten elementary schools.

Mr. Ector’s dedication to public education extends far beyond Berryessa. Prior to leading BUSD as superintendent, Mr. Ector served in the roles of Director of Human Resources, principal at the elementary and middle school level and assistant principal all in the Evergreen Elementary School District in San Jose. As a principal his schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools and three as National Blue Ribbon Schools. He also opened and helped design two 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology schools while in the Evergreen School District.

He has served as an adjunct professor at San Jose State University, the Advisory Board for the College of Education at Santa Clara University, San Jose State University and the National Hispanic University. He has served as chairman of the Santa Clara County School Human Resource Consortium. He has served on the ACSA State Human Resource Council, the Elementary Council, and most recently on the state Board of Directors. He has always been a vocal advocate for equal access for all students.

This year, the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) recognized Mr. Ector as Superintendent of the Year for Santa Clara County. He was also recognized as Citizen of the Year from both the San Jose City Council District 4 and the Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council and received a U.S. Congressional Community Service Award for California’s 17<sup>th</sup> District. He has received several awards from the California State Legislature for his successful work in Berryessa Union School District.