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DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Joe Bova will serve as new CTE Coordinator

VENTURA, CA, January 27, 2020-The Ventura Unified School District is pleased to announce that it has received significant amounts of Career Technical Education (CTE) funding. The funds will be used to improve and augment current Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, facilities, and equipment and will also fund a new CTE support position which will report to VUSD's Chief Innovations Officer. The District is proud to announce that Mr. Joe Bova, the current Principal of Foothill Technology High School, will serve in this new grant-funded position beginning February 3, 2020.

"Joe Bova has always been at the forefront of innovation for the District. We cannot think of a better person to work with our Chief Innovations Officer, Rebecca Chandler, to bring our Career Technical Education offerings up to speed and then race beyond anyone's expectations," stated Dr. Roger Rice, VUSD Superintendent.

Bova and Chandler will work together to improve all CTE courses, practices, equipment and facilities. Mr. Bova will be responsible for increasing the rigor in current courses, conducting CTE teacher professional development, improving articulation and dual enrollment with Ventura College, developing a data collection system, and improving curricula content.

"I am excited to create authentic experiences for students and allow more flexibility and opportunities for them to pursue future career avenues, all of which are essential for student success," stated Joe Bova, incoming CTE Coordinator.

"I look forward to the professionalism, knowledge, and creative thinking that Mr. Bova brings to the CTE and Innovations team. Under Dr. Roger Rice, the District is dedicated to ensuring that students who wish to explore various careers and industries through our CTE pathways can do so in a way that will be beneficial to them and the community. We are excited at the many possibilities that lay ahead," stated Rebecca Chandler, Chief Innovations Officer.

The District has hired Mr. James Edwards, a respected educator, and administrator who has served both in the Oxnard and Ventura Unified School Districts, as the Interim Principal of Foothill Technology High School (FTHS). Mr. Edwards recently served as an Interim Assistant Principal last spring at FTHS and knows the campus, staff, and students well. A full competitive process will be started soon to search for a permanent principal to take over for the 2021-2022 school year. The job posting will be arriving soon and will be found on the VUSD website, www.venturausd.org.

For more information related to Career Technical Education and Innovation, Mr. Bova's assignment, or Foothill Technology High School, reach out to Marianne Quiroz, Communications Coordinator, at 805-641-5000, x. 1019 or Marianne.quiroz@venturausd.org.

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) is located in Southern California, in the coastal city of Ventura, approximately 70 miles north of Los Angeles. The District is made up of an early childhood education program, 26 elementary, middle, and high schools, with more than 16,000 school-age students, an adult education center, 2,000 staff, and a wealth of parents and community members whom all strive to help our children find their passion—academically and personally. For more information, visit www.venturausd.org or call 805-641-5000.

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