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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Holds Education Study Session

Educators and experts will join the special evening meeting on Aug. 11 at the San Joaquin County Office of Education

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will hold an evening study session on the topic of education at the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 in the Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton.

The meeting will be the second of five special study sessions scheduled by the Board of Supervisors to meet one of its strategic priorities to promote good governance and increase organizational capabilities. The public is encouraged to attend the Aug. 11 discussion with education experts and policymakers from the SJCOE, San Joaquin Delta College, and the University of the Pacific. The session will be hosted by Board Chair Moses Zapien and Supervisor Chuck Winn.

"In an effort to provide greater opportunities for public participation in local government and to encourage regional conversations on the important work occurring locally in education and career-readiness, Supervisor Winn and I are delighted to be convening this study session on behalf of the Board of Supervisors," Board Chair Zapien said. "This study session puts the focus on what is being done across San Joaquin County to ensure our children have access to a quality education that will prepare them for 21st-century careers."

San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools James Mousalimas will lead off the discussion at the meeting.

"Education is as vital to the future of San Joaquin County as it is to the future of each one of the more than 145,000 students attending schools in our county. It takes the whole community – educators, local government, community service organizations, local businesses, and private citizens – to ensure a bright future for all of our children. Meetings like this study session help the whole community come together to talk and learn more about education."





The topics scheduled for the special session are as follows:

- Overview of K-12 education in San Joaquin County
- Early childhood education
- STEM (science, technology, education, and mathematics) initiatives
- Career-readiness initiatives

Speakers at the session will include Mousalimas; Delta College's Superintendent/President Dr. Kathy Hart and Dean of CTE and Workforce Development Salvador Vargas; and University of the Pacific's Beyond our Gates Initiative Community Relations Director Jennifer Torres Siders.

Other scheduled speakers from the SJCOE are Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jane Steinkamp, Early Education and Support Director Jamie Baiocchi, STEM Director Kirk Brown, Career Technical Education Director Chris Kleinert, and Community Partnerships Director Sheilah Goulart.

What: San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Special Study Session

on Education

When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11

Where: San Joaquin County Office of Education

Wentworth Education Center 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton

More online: To view the agenda or watch the meeting live:

www.sjgov.org/studysession/education