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Who: David Y. Verdugo, Principal of Calabasas Middle School
What: Selected as SCVUSD No. 35 Superintendent
When: April 8, 2014
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David Verdugo_Jan 2014 (photo credit: Carol Cullen)

David Verdugo Selected as SCVUSD No. 35 Superintendent

A six-month search to replace retiring Superintendent Rod Rich was completed April 8 when the district governing board announced that David Y. Verdugo, Principal of SCVUSD’s Calabasas Middle School, was selected as new superintendent. Chosen from a pool of six final candidates, Verdugo will lead the 3,270-student, six-school district beginning July 1.

Verdugo has received numerous awards and recognition for Calabasas and the district. In 2012, he was named Met Life/NASSP Arizona Middle Level Principal of the Year. The following year he led his school in becoming designated as an “A+ School of Excellence” by the Arizona Educational Foundation. He served two terms as president of the Arizona School Administrators Middle Level, 2011-13.

Verdugo began his eight-year tenure with SCVUSD as assistant principal at Calabasas Middle School, serving under then-principal John Fanning. When Fanning assumed the reins at newly built Coatimundi Middle School in 2008, Verdugo moved into the Calabasas Middle School principal position where he has been for the last six years. Prior to working with SCVUSD, Verdugo taught 13 years at Flowing Wells High School as a history teacher and physical education coach.

Verdugo received his bachelor’s degree in education from Western New Mexico University in 1993, his masters of education in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University in 2002, and his Arizona Department of Education Superintendent Certificate in 2014. He and his wife, Rachel, have three children.

“SCVUSD is fortunate to have someone of David’s caliber leading the district,” said Rich. “He brings a tremendous amount of valuable educational experience. He has earned the respect of students, teachers and community members in his eight years of work with SCVUSD. He holds high expectations for educational growth and excellence from all, and he is a role-model for achieving the same. I wish David and the district only the best.”

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Background: Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35 is a growing, dynamic school district covering approximately 267 square miles. The district operates six schools. Approximately 3,270 students are enrolled during the 2013-2014 school year.