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Joseph Guy Campbell Announces Candidacy for California State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Sonoma County—Joseph Guy Campbell has officially announced his candidacy for California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. His name, along with the ballot designation “Montessori Education Publisher” will appear on the 2022, California Primary ballot. He currently resides in Sonoma County and publishes books about Montessori Education and Special Education.

Campbell has worked with teachers for decades. He is an enthusiastic supporter of Montessori Education. He has pledged to support Public Montessori Programs in the California. “My children attended a free, Public Montessori program in California for 7 years. Now I want to give every family the opportunity to choose a Montessori program for their child.”

When asked about the state of Public Education in California today: “We all know we are being sold short when it comes to education. California Public Schools are in crises, families are in crises, and we are giving less and expecting more from teachers at a time when California families are desperate for help. California ranks 41 in per pupil spending. There are only 50 states. How can we be so behind? Yet no one seems to have any concrete plan to improve school morale or pay teachers the respect they deserve. State leadership continually falls short. I intend to change that.”

He wants California Families to imagine what education could be: “The State has the resources. There is enough wealth in California—every child could have an excellent experience at school. And every family could have a choice of several excellent schools for their child. Sadly, that is not the case.”

He has also promised to offer teachers reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, through the State Department of Education—the Department he will be heading if elected. According to his team, the average California teacher spends up to \$500 annually out of pocket, on supplies for their classroom. That money is never reimbursed by school, district and county Departments. “This places an undue burden on teachers, when there is already a teacher shortage and teachers are leaving the profession in unprecedented numbers. When all else fails, it is up to the State Department of Education to take responsibility—that’s leadership.”

When asked about his plans for the State Department of Education: “The Department exists to serve California families and educators. I will primarily hire teachers and mothers for my team—there are enough politicians in Sacramento.”

When asked what he brings to the table: “I will bring my own unique style of leadership—and I think I can inspire California. The Superintendent doesn’t just manage the Department and sponsor legislation, he is the leader who is responsible and accountable to every family and educator in the state. You have to ask yourself, are you satisfied with your child’s Public School experience? Who do you want to lead California families?”

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