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Office of Education

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## The Tulare County Office of Education welcomes three administrators



Three administrators have joined TCOE programs recently, including Court/Community Schools, Leadership Support Services, and Maintenance and Operations.

### **Joe Andrade, Court/Community Schools**

Last semester, Joe Andrade, the former chief of staff/learning director for the La Sierra Military Academy (LSMA), was selected as principal of the Court/Community Schools. Andrade, who joined LSMA in 2013, is based at the Juvenile Detention Center, where he oversees a staff of five teachers and a career technical education (CTE) instructor. He has plans to expand CTE options at the Juvenile Detention Center, which serves an average of 80 adjudicated students per month. Currently, the school offers construction trades instruction in a state-of-the-art vocational center. Andrade also oversees TCOE's only community school, Mid-County Community School, for students expelled from their home districts. Andrade is a veteran of the United States Navy and a retired California state corrections officer.

### **Cari Carlson, Leadership Support Services**

Joining TCOE's Leadership Support Services from Reef-Sunset Unified School District (RSUSD), Cari Carlson is a new administrator for TCOE's Leadership Support Services. In her role, Carlson will support districts and schools with continuous improvement

efforts through Differentiated Assistance (DA) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI). This work includes supporting districts with the development of Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP) and school sites with the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). She will also serve as the TCOE contact for Williams Act inspections across the county. Carlson began her career in education in 1996 and most recently served as an assistant superintendent of learning, director of student services, and principal for Kings County's RSUSD. She previously worked for TCOE from 2017 to 2020 with New Teacher & Leadership Development and Educational Resource Services. Carlson possess a bachelor's degree from Montana State University, Bozeman and a master's from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

### **Jack Schreuder, Maintenance and Operations**

Coming from Dinuba Unified School District (DUSD), Jack Schreuder is the new Director of Operational Services within the Maintenance and Operations department. Schreuder will oversee the maintenance of TCOE's Mooney Boulevard, Doe Avenue, Liberty Campus, and the Dream Center. His responsibilities also include the maintenance of over 100 classroom buildings and the centers operated by Special Services, including the L.B. Hill Learning Center (Porterville), Maple Learning Center (Tulare), Occupational Training Center (Visalia), and Yettlem Learning Center. He was the director of facilities at DUSD for nearly 10 years, overseeing 10 school sites, a vocational center, athletic fields, the district office and maintenance warehouse. Schreuder held a similar position for 15 years with Corcoran Unified School District. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Photos above:

~ Pictured left to right are TCOE's new hires Joe Andrade of Court/Community Schools, Cari Carlson of Leadership Support Services, and Jack Schreuder of Maintenance and Operations.

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## **Registration now open for annual Youth Author's Faire**



Teachers are invited to register their students who intend to participate in the annual Young Authors' Faire. The Faire is open to those in grades K-8 who write and illustrate original books.

The deadline to register to participate is January 31 and all digital books must be submitted by February 23. The books will be displayed virtually on a special public gallery beginning March 29.

For more information on the registration process, visit [www.tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire](http://www.tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire).

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## Two TCOE programs receive LEAP Awards from state and Nutrition Policy Institute



Last month, TCOE's Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention programs were recognized by the Nutrition Policy Institute and the California Department of Public Health with a 2023 LEAP Award for achievements in supporting healthy eating and active living.

ECE's Richgrove Child Development Center (CDC) earned the LEAP Award for its health promotion practices in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, and breastfeeding support. Richgrove CDC partners with Kaweah Health, which collaborates with the Local Health Department and CalFresh Healthy Living program, to plan and implement health promotion projects.

The Richgrove CDC is one of 20 centers spread throughout the county operated by TCOE's Early Childhood Education Program. Learn more about the program at [www.tcoe.org/ECE](http://www.tcoe.org/ECE).



Alexandra Rogers of TCOE's Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Program, was also recognized with a 2023 LEAP Award for the development of the school garden at Terra Bella Elementary. Students take ownership of the garden, learning responsibility as they work together to plant, pull weeds, rake, harvest, and remove old crops. The students are currently in the process of harvesting winter crops that they will also be able to eat. Their winter crops include carrots, radishes, and onions. Students will begin planting spring crops soon.

Richgrove CDC and the Terra Bella garden are among 131 schools, 124 early care and education programs, and 78 out-of-school time programs across California to receive this award.

For more information on the LEAP Award, visit <https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/LEAP>.

Photos above:

Top ~ Richgrove Child Development Center (CDC) was recognized with a 2023 LEAP Award for their health promotion practices in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, and breastfeeding support.

Bottom ~ TCOE's Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP) program was also recognized with a 2023 LEAP Award for the development of the school garden at Terra Bella Elementary.

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