



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111 • 858-292-3500 • [www.sdcoe.net](http://www.sdcoe.net)  
Randolph E. Ward, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

## NEWS RELEASE

July 14, 2016

For Immediate Release

Contact: Gregg Robinson

Board President

619-248-6862

[Gregg.robinson@sdcoe.net](mailto:Gregg.robinson@sdcoe.net)

Richard P Shea

Vice President

808-430-9998

[Rick.shea@sdcoe.net](mailto:Rick.shea@sdcoe.net)

San Diego, CA – The San Diego County Board of Education is aware of concerns related to certain expenditures and compensation of County Office of Education employees. As elected officials statutorily charged with the oversight of public monies, we must act prudently and in the best interest of the County Office of Education. We will therefore immediately embark on a forensic audit to fully understand the issues surrounding the questionable expenditures. In order to ensure the integrity of the audit, the Board of Education will retain an independent third party. In addition, pending the completion of the independent, third party forensic audit, Superintendent Ward will be placed on administrative leave.

As members of the Governing Board for the County Office of Education, we take seriously our responsibility to safeguard the public's trust in our educational institution. As your elected officials, we strive to uphold that trust through open and transparent governance as well as through responsible oversight over expenditures of taxpayer dollars. Importantly, we also do not underestimate the value of the hard-earned public dollars that are entrusted to us to use for the public good, specifically the education of all of our children. We hold ourselves accountable to you, the public, and our community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Gregg Robinson

Board President

County Board of Education

*Service and Leadership for Student Achievement*

Board of Education

Mark C. Anderson

Guadalupe Gonzalez

Alicia Muñoz

Gregg Robinson

Richard P. Shea