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Rubén Aurelio, Associate Superintendent of Berkeley Unified School District, Selected as Finalist for Superintendent of St. Helena Unified School District

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St. Helena, California – The St. Helena Unified Board of Education is pleased to announce the selection of Rubén Aurelio as the finalist for the position of Superintendent. The Board unanimously selected Mr. Aurelio as the finalist at the Special Closed Session Board Meeting on May 6, 2022, to replace retiring Superintendent Dr. Marylou Wilson.

Mr. Aurelio comes to SHUSD with a distinguished career in education. Rubén Aurelio is currently the Associate Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer in the Berkeley Unified School District, where he has supervised principals K-12 as well as the District’s Career Technical Education programs. Prior to that Mr. Aurelio served as the Associate Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. He also served in the San Leandro Unified School District for 11 years as Director of Assessment and Data and Assistant Director of Technology, Assessment, Research and Evaluation. Additionally, he has served in both principal and teaching positions.



School District Board President Lisa Pelosi stated “Rubén Aurelio is chosen as our Superintendent finalist from several highly qualified candidates brought to us by Leadership Associates. His administration experience, excellent work ethic, focus on student and family engagement, as well as establishing community partnerships are some highlights of what led us to select Mr. Aurelio. He is known for his commitment to building strong leaders within his district including students, staff, and parents and gaining their commitment to believe that every student has talent and potential. We are excited by the new perspectives and vision he has for SHUSD. He possesses a commitment to all students where equity and excellence is a priority. His sincere desire to listen to all viewpoints and his relationships with parents and community are qualities we value. Having a bilingual (Spanish) Superintendent will be an asset for our community.”

Mr. Aurelio is a charismatic leader whose strongest skill is his ability to collaborate and build relationships. In Berkeley Unified he safely led students and teachers through the challenges of the pandemic, keeping the social-emotional side of students and staff at the forefront of his work.

Mr. Aurelio grew up near Los Angeles in a monolingual Spanish-speaking home as the youngest of five children. His parents immigrated from Argentina to the United States and worked in food services and manufacturing. He earned a B.A. degree in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master's degree from California State University, East Bay, and is certified as a Chief Business Official. Mr. Aurelio is a proud first-generation college graduate and is proud that his entire education has been in public schools.

Mr. Aurelio stated “I am thrilled and honored to work with our Board of Trustees in St. Helena. I am impressed with the great achievements that the district leadership staff, teachers, and classified employees have made. We will get the work done in a transparent and collaborative manner. We will work together, led by the vision of the school board, the staff, and the community. My commitment to lead the district is strong, and I look forward to collaborating with our staff, community members, community leaders, partners and with students along with their families.”

It is anticipated that the approval of Rubén Aurelio's appointment will occur on May 19, 2022, at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. Mr. Aurelio is scheduled to begin his role as Superintendent on July 1, 2022.