



Centering Equity in the June 7th Election

Marin County Superintendent of Schools

The June 7th County Superintendent of Schools election has some big shoes to fill. As the first in over a quarter century without an incumbent on the ballot, it is an important opportunity for voters to advance educational equity in our community.

Despite Marin's abundant resources, systemic racism and wealth inequality continue to limit what's possible for many of Marin's public school students who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) (46.3%) and/or who live in poverty (35%).¹ These systemic educational barriers have resulted in some of the greatest disparities in the state. Disparities that are startlingly wide and shockingly persistent.²

This persistent educational equity gap is unacceptable. Marin Promise Partnership invites the next Superintendent of Schools to join us in refusing to settle for a world in which a child's educational potential is dictated by race, ethnicity, zip code or financial circumstance. In addition, we hope the candidates will explicitly endorse our [Racial Equity Statement](#)³ including its antiracist action commitment to dismantle racial inequities, and to provide equity-based supports. We look forward to working with the new Superintendent to continue to improve cradle-to-career educational systems that meet diverse learning styles and needs, treat every-child as a whole person, and engage every family as a partner. Together we can unite around a bold, collective promise to eliminate educational equity gaps in Marin so that our most vulnerable children, and all of Marin's students, can achieve their full potential in becoming the outstanding leaders, citizens, and professionals they want to be.

The Marin County Superintendent of Schools, while not directly overseeing local districts, plays an important role in reviewing and certifying districts' Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs) and the budgets which define how our schools invest resources to create more equitable, inclusive, and linguistically and culturally responsive learning environments, especially for student's most impacted by structural racism and economic hardships. The Superintendent also oversees MCOE's vast array of services, including professional development, technical assistance, and shared services. In addition, the Superintendent is the liaison with the California Department of Education (CDE), a vital role in the coming years as the CDE makes an exciting and unprecedented, multi billion dollar, investment to address many of the structural inequities that have plagued our schools for far too long.

Addressing systemic inequity must be front and center in this election. The County Superintendent of Schools, as a prominent public figure in Marin, is uniquely positioned to be an equity champion. Our children deserve a Superintendent who is a courageous leader with the vision and skills to advocate for systemic change, strategically leverage state funds, listen to our youth and families to guide decisions and actions, continually lean into and learn from data, and work collaboratively in partnership with community leaders to ensure every student is fully supported with opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve.

Join us as we put educational equity at the heart of this election.

- **Hear from the candidates:** [Attend the May 11th Marin League of Women Voters Candidate Forum](#)
- **Become an educational equity voter:** <https://www.marinpromisepartnership.org/posts/vote-ed-equity-2022>

In Solidarity,

David Wain Coon, Chair (on behalf of the Partnership's [Leadership Team](#))

¹ Partnership Enrollment Data, <https://www.marinpromisepartnership.org/enrollment/>; ² Partnership Annual Progress Reports, <https://www.marinpromisepartnership.org/progress-reports-race-gap/>; ³ Partnership Racial Equity Statement, <https://www.marinpromisepartnership.org/posts/racial-equity-statement/>;

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