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## **San Francisco School Board Selects Carlos Garcia for Superintendent**

**June 13, 2007 (San Francisco, CA)** – The San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education voted yesterday evening to employ Carlos Garcia as the District’s next superintendent.

“We chose Mr. Garcia because of his past experience with San Francisco, his strong track record as a superintendent and his understanding of the challenges that our district faces,” said Board President Mark Sanchez.

A superintendent for eleven years, Carlos Garcia has overseen districts with enrollments ranging from 7,800 to 300,000 students including two large urban school districts - Fresno, California, and Clark County, Nevada. Clark County District is one of the largest in the country.

Garcia was principal at San Francisco’s Horace Mann Middle School from 1988 to 1991. During his tenure, the school was restructured, student achievement improved, and the school was designated as both a California Distinguished school and a Blue Ribbon school. Under his leadership Mann was one of the first middle schools in the country to implement block scheduling and there was a long waiting list of families seeking admission.

“San Francisco is a place that is very dear to both my wife and me. I’m excited to be able to work with one of the better school districts in the country,” said Carlos Garcia. “I’m looking forward to working with a strong team from classified staff to teachers to administrators as well as the school board because no one person can do it all. If we put kids at the forefront and we work together, we’ll succeed.”

Mr. Garcia began his career in education in 1975 and has held several roles, including teacher, principal, central office administrator, and leader in effective classroom instruction. He is currently Vice President of Urban Markets for McGraw-Hill, which is an educational materials publishing company.

Commissioner Hydra Mendoza explained, “His broad experience at a state and national level as well as his combined public and private sector perspective make

him a strong leader whom we believe will continue to engage diverse community members in support of our schools.”

Garcia received his B.A. from Claremont Men’s College with a major in political science in 1974 and a M.A. in education from Claremont Graduate School in 1976. In 1979, he completed requirements for his administrative credentials at California State University at Fullerton.

The national search for a permanent Superintendent for the San Francisco Unified School District began in January of this year. SFUSD board commissioners collected over a thousand written surveys from parents and held dozens of community meetings to identify the criteria San Franciscans wanted in a superintendent. The board then reviewed more than thirty applications from across the country.

After several interviews with top choice candidates and extensive background and reference checks of Mr. Garcia, board members stated that they were confident that Garcia was the best choice for San Francisco.

“In conversations with several school board members in Nevada, we heard that Carlos Garcia has a strong track record as a prudent fiscal manager and strategic innovator,” remarked Board Vice President Norman Yee.

Veteran Commissioner Jill Wynns stated, “Having been through this process two other times, I was impressed by the caliber of the candidates and the way the board worked together to arrive at this decision. I am confident that we have matched our community’s needs with a superintendent who has experience as an effective leader of large-scale improvements in urban school districts.”

Six board members voted in favor of the selection of Carlos Garcia for the job. One board member, Commissioner Kim Shree Maufus, praised fellow board members for being thoughtful and respectful throughout the selection process; however, voted against the appointment stating that she needed more time to decide.

Mr. Garcia will begin serving as the superintendent on July 16, 2007. SFUSD’s Interim Superintendent Gwen Chan did not apply for the permanent position and will be retiring from a 40-year career with the District. Chan will be working with the District through August to help facilitate Garcia’s transition.

Carlos Garcia and his wife, Gail, currently reside in Las Vegas. They have two grown children.

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