

BIOGRAPHY: Martin J. Cavanaugh

Martin J. (Marty) Cavanaugh joins the Sacramento County Office of Education as Deputy Superintendent in October 2004.

Mr. Cavanaugh comes to the Sacramento County Office of Education following 13 years of service to the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD). He has served in numerous positions with EGUSD, most recently as Chief of Staff (April 2000 to the present). Mr. Cavanaugh was EGUSD Assistant Superintendent for Student Services in 1996–2000 and Director of the SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area) in 1991–1996. Prior to that, he served as SELPA Director with Mt. Diablo Unified School District in Concord and as an administrator and teacher with Bonita Unified School District (San Dimas) and the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Mr. Cavanaugh has a Master of Arts degree in educational administration and in speech pathology/audiology from California State University, Los Angeles. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in speech pathology/audiology from the same university. He holds credentials in Professional Administrative Services, Rehabilitative Services (Language, Speech and Hearing), as well as a Community College Handicapped Student Program and Services Instructor credential. In addition to teaching in the traditional classroom, Mr. Cavanaugh has taught autistic, emotionally disturbed and aphasic students. He has also served as postsecondary instructor at the University of California, Davis; California State University, Sacramento; California State University, Los Angeles; and Chapman University.

As Elk Grove Unified Chief of Staff, Mr. Cavanaugh provided leadership for the district's Academic Excellence Campaign. He is nationally recognized for implementing the Neverstreaming program, an early intervention and prevention project for at-risk students. The Neverstreaming program received the California School Board Association's prestigious Golden Bell Award.

Mr. Cavanaugh was named Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators, and has been recognized twice by the University of California, Davis, Extension as Outstanding Instructor for Continuing Education. He has also been honored by the Sacramento Association for the Retarded as Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

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