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LVUSD Superintendent Selected as Superintendent of the Year

(Calabasas, CA) The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has selected Las Virgenes Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Dan Stepenosky as Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Stepenosky was awarded this honor by the LVUSD Board of Education and LACOE leaders at a small ceremony on October 6th. Dr. Stepenosky will be formally honored at an event on October 22 at SoFi Stadium involving state and county education leaders.

LVUSD Board President Angela Cutbill shared, “on behalf of LVUSD’s Board of Education, I am thrilled that Dr. Stepenosky has been honored for his leadership. This is an extraordinary recognition as the leading Superintendent out of 80 public school districts in Los Angeles County. Dr. Stepenosky’s leadership has been courageous, steadfast, and consistent as we have navigated the Woolsey Fire and the COVID-19 pandemic. As important, he has brought innovative new programs to our district that benefit our students both academically and social-emotionally. He is a visionary Superintendent and community leader.”

Dr. Stepenosky began his career in education 26 years ago teaching high school physics and astronomy. Prior to this, he served as an officer in the United States Navy aboard the USS Waddell and USS Chancellorsville, earning the rank of Lieutenant, and seeing action in

Operation Southern Watch in the Persian Gulf. He joined the Las Virgenes Unified School District 15 years ago as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and is now entering his tenth year as Superintendent.

A recent recipient of the Superintendent of the Year distinction issued by the Association of California School Administrators, Dr. Stepenosky was selected for the Superintendent of the Year award because of his leadership during the pandemic and his commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. His was the first school district in California to formally adopt the Leadership for Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion standards and commit to purchasing \$250,000 in diversity, equity, and inclusion texts for student library use. Under his guidance, LVUSD also:

- Launched the first-in-the-state licensure program for teachers and administrators through LVUSD's Center EdX. This program has reshaped the development and training of teachers and leaders in our region.
- Written and received over \$5 million in grant funding over the last three years to create innovative counseling centers, career technical education programs, and academic intervention.
- Developed model programs for Special Education that are committed to inclusion, access, and celebrating diversity.
- Developed robust technology infrastructure, sound fiscal decision making, and expansive collaboration community and school district partners.

Dr. Stepenosky serves as a Board Member for both West Hills Hospital and the Las Virgenes Futures Foundation. He was surprised with this award by the Board of Education, LACOE leaders, members of the LVUSD leadership team, and his wife Sharon and two children, Kearston and Sean, both of whom are students of Calabasas High School.

About Las Virgenes Unified

Las Virgenes Unified is a student-centered district serving approximately 10,500 students from the cities and surrounding regions of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village. LVUSD places great value on partnering with students, staff, parents, and community members to nurture curious and engaged learners and citizens. The District encompasses fifteen schools, spanning preschool through high school. LVUSD offers a multitude of distinctive programs serving the diverse needs of its student body. The District and its individual schools have received numerous accolades including, most notably, College Board's AP Honor Roll, California Distinguished Schools, California Green Ribbon, Gold Level District, High-Performance District in American Institute for Research, award-winning music and athletic programs, and many more.