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Solano County Office of Education's Lilibeth Pinpin Receives Spotlight on Quality Award

FAIRFIELD, CA – Lilibeth Pinpin, Solano County Office of Education's (SCOE) director of innovative programs and student success, recently received the Spotlight on Quality Award that is issued annually by the California Department of Education's Region 4 <u>System of Support for Expanded Learning</u> (SSEL) programs office and Alameda County Office of Education.

SSEL functions alongside the service regions of the <u>California County Superintendents' Educational</u> <u>Services Association</u>. SSEL regions are focused on engaging students in year-round learning opportunities that prepare them for college, career, and life. Region 4 encompasses Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano Counties. The Spotlight on Quality award recognizes individuals committed to program quality improvement.

Pinpin was humbled to receive this award and expressed her desire to provide the best possible support and service to local school districts and students. She was selected for her continued growth, outstanding leadership and the expansion of learning programs in Solano County including the Solano County Expanded Learning Program (ExLP) Network, STEAM Community of Practice for ExLP Staff and other STEAM programs in Solano County. She has developed and strengthened partnerships, provided technical assistance, and enhanced access to resources and professional learning opportunities that benefit staff, students and families in Solano County and surrounding areas.

Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson stated, "Lilibeth is an innovative leader who exemplifies SCOE's guiding principles of leadership, collaboration, and support. Her collaboration and spirit of ingenuity have encouraged science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) programs for youth throughout the County. Her technical assistance, expertise and support of local administrators and expanded learning programs has made a meaningful impact on the educational experience of local students."

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 63,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.