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### **Solano County Office of Education Mourns Passing of Former Member**

Douglas J. Ford, 87, former member of the Solano County Board of Education, passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2019, after a long battle with cancer.

“Our hearts overflow with sadness at Doug’s passing,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. “He was very passionate about education, especially career pathways and biotechnology.”

As a former university teacher of history, political science, sociology, and anthropology, Doug’s dedicated service to students led him to: volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, become active in community efforts to pass a school bond for the Dixon Unified School District’s new high school (finished in 2007), chaperone numerous school field trips, help with career fairs, conduct mock interviews for high school students, chair the Dixon Chamber of Commerce scholarship committee, write a bi-weekly newspaper column often on the topic of education, and represent Trustee Area 1 on the Solano Community College Governing Board (1992-1996) and Trustee Area 6 on the Solano County Board of Education (2001-2018) where he served as vice president in 2006 and president in 2012.

“I will always cherish my last visit with Doug the week before his passing. We discussed economics,” Superintendent Estrella-Henderson recalls fondly. “He was a member of the Solano County Office of Education team for 17 years, and we grieve along with his family. Education has lost one of its most fervent advocates.”

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