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### **Solano Superintendent of Schools Honored for Equity Work** ***Lisette Estrella-Henderson Named CALSA Superintendent of the Year***

**FAIRFIELD, CA-** Each year, the [California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators](#) (CALSA) recognizes educators through the 'Honoring Our Own' Regional Award Program. The professional organization looks to honor school administrators who have made significant contributions to eliminating the Latina/o/x student achievement gap and acknowledge their distinguished leadership and excellence in education. This year, the CALSA Board of Directors has specifically recognized educators for their guidance and advocacy on behalf of Latina/o/x children.

Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson, who is Hispanic and bilingual in English and Spanish, has recently been named the 2020 Superintendent of the Year for CALSA's Region 1. Estrella-Henderson, who is the Chief Executive Officer for the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), has been working on equity issues in Solano County for 35 years.

Estrella-Henderson commented, "I'm humbled to be recognized among this group of distinguished individuals dedicated to addressing the needs of Latina/o/x students. SCOE's mission is to promote equity and excellence by working with our school districts and community partners to create opportunities that address the needs of every student regardless of their ethnicity, the language they speak, or their economic status. Fighting racism at every level of our educational system is clearly a priority in this endeavor. Together we are making headway in closing opportunity gaps for our diverse student population and I am grateful for the privilege to serve this wonderful community."

Lisette Estrella-Henderson has served as an educator in Solano County since 1985. She grew up in a military family and was raised in Solano County after her father was stationed at Travis Air Force Base. She earned a Master's in Education degree from California State University, Sacramento, with focus on bilingual cross-cultural education and curriculum and instruction. In addition to her California Teaching Credential, she also holds her Bilingual Specialist and Administrative Services Credentials and is a certified leadership coach. Lisette began working with the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) in 2003. She has held various leadership roles at SCOE, and now serves as an elected official, supporting student equity as a primary focus for the organization.

The County Superintendent of Schools is an elected position and a state constitutional officer who functions as a liaison between Solano school districts, that serve approximately 64,000 students, and the state. In 2017 Estrella-Henderson became the first Hispanic Superintendent of Schools in Solano County's history and only the second female to hold the position.

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