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### **Solano County Office of Education's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State of Education Breakfast Forum**

Today, Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella Henderson hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State of Education in Solano County Breakfast Forum. All six Solano County school district superintendents as well as the Solano Community College president were in attendance. Each provided an update outlining their efforts to prepare young people for the jobs of today and tomorrow. “This forum was an extremely rich experience for our school leaders, to be able to connect with our elected officials and community leaders and share firsthand about their efforts to support young people to be prepared for the world of work,” stated Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Many Solano County elected officials and/or their representatives were present. Senator Bill Dodd provided an introduction and shared some of the details about Senate Bill 577 recently signed by the Governor, which establishes the California Community College Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program. “Right now in California, three-quarters of all school districts report teacher shortages,” Senator Dodd said. “And with the school-age population increasing by roughly three million in the next decade, it is time to act. Community college campuses are well-suited to training more teachers, especially in underserved rural and urban communities. I appreciate Gov. Brown’s support for this commonsense measure.”

Senate Bill 577 establishes the California Community College Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program. It authorizes three grants up to \$500,000 to community colleges working in collaboration with accredited teacher-credentialing programs such as those on California State University or University of California campuses. Priority would be given to partnerships in areas of the state suffering from shortages of K-12 teachers.

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