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Windsor Unified School District announces Austin Matzaganian as new
Chief Business Officer

PRESS RELEASE

Windsor, California — Superintendent Jeremy Decker has announced that Austin Matzaganian has been selected as the new Chief Business Officer for the Windsor Unified School District (WUSD), effective Sept. 13. Matzaganian is currently serving as Business Manager at Trona Joint Unified School District, in Upland, Calif.

Superintendent Jeremy Decker said, "Given the challenging nature of school funding, the Chief Business Officer is a crucial role for any school district. It requires a deep commitment to education and a strong understanding of the complexities of school financing. These are things Austin brings to the table in spades."

Matzaganian grew up in Upland, California in a family full of educators. Seeing their commitment —and their struggles — up close led him to pursuing a CBO career.

“Out of my 11 immediate family members, nine of them are teachers,” he said. “The decision to become a CBO was driven mainly through seeing the difficulties my family faced as educators. I saw how much love and effort they poured into their students, and I wanted to become a CBO to better support them on the business side.”

Matzaganian received his Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of La Verne in 2017 and his Master’s degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of La Verne in 2019. He graduated from the University of Southern California School of Business Management (CBO Program) in 2021.

Matzaganian sees three aspects to his new role. “I believe a large part of my role is to cultivate a team building environment. I want to provide a working environment where the Business department can not only be collaborative with each other, but build strong communication and trust throughout the organization. By building trust, it only leads to a better working environment for not just our team, but the organization as a whole,” he said. “I also see myself as being in a position where administration at any site can call for advice, support, or answers. A part of my role is making sure people do not feel burdensome asking questions. It is better to all have the same understanding moving forward than to not ask the questions and leave with doubts. Finally, I want to make sure the educational side of the organization feels supported through our Business department, because that is what we are ultimately here to accomplish.”

Matzaganian was drawn to Windsor for its tight-knit community and numerous outdoor opportunities. He is an avid golfer and kayaker and is looking forward to spending time fishing and hiking and visiting the coast. He’s also excited about spending time at Windsor’s farmers market.

“When screening through different districts, my main priority was finding a community that cared about their children’s education whole-heartedly,” Matzaganian said. “One quick scroll through the Windsor group page on Facebook will show you this community is passionate about their children's education, and that was exactly what I wanted to find. This is important to me because I believe our children's education needs to be a full team effort.

“Windsor Unified also values a lot of the same educational initiatives that I do,” he continued. “I believe every student learns differently, and by providing them with early childhood education, CTE programs, and different charter school options, we are providing our students with a much better chance of succeeding than in previous educational models.”

Please join WUSD in welcoming Austin Matzaganian to his new role beginning Sept. 13.

Windsor Unified School District is the only school district in Windsor, and is proud to represent the entire town, serving approximately 5,000 TK-12 students. Windsor is a vibrant, diverse community that takes great pride in its schools.

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