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Tulare County Board of Education Announces:

Rudy R. Campos Appointed to the Tulare County Board of Education

Following a special meeting of the Tulare County Board of Education held Wednesday, March 12, 2003, trustees voted unanimously during their regularly scheduled meeting to appoint Rudy Campos of Visalia to fill the board vacancy in Trustee Area No. 5. Mr. Campos will complete a term that expires in November 2004.

“We’re delighted to have Mr. Campos on the Board of Education,” said board member Leonard Hansen.

“We have longed for Hispanic representation on our board and it is wonderful to have such a highly-qualified candidate – who has had a great and honorable career -- join us.”

Rudy Campos received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from Fresno State University. He is a credentialed teacher, administrator and pupil personnel services provider. A career educator and administrator, he currently teaches basic education to inmates at Corcoran State Prison. He has served as a chapter board member for the Association of California School Administrators and the Local Chapter President for the Title 1 -- Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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Additionally, Campos has been an active proponent for migrant education opportunities and is affiliated with the Tulare County League of Mexican American Women, the Mariachi Heritage Foundation, and the Mexican American Golf Association.

The son of migrant farm workers, Rudy Campos is the oldest of five children, and the first in his family to complete high school and receive a college degree. Campos chose education for his career because he saw it as an opportunity to help and work with the youth of his community.

Trustee Area No. 5 encompasses all areas in the following school districts: Buena Vista, Oak Valley Union, Palo Verde Union, Tipton, Traver Joint, Waukena Joint Union, and a portion of Visalia Unified.

Following a round of applause by board members and others in attendance at the meeting, Campos was sworn in as the Area 5 Trustee by County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

Immediately following Campos' oath of office, Board President Chris Reed said, "We welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Campos." Then, handing Campos his board agenda and materials, Reed said, "Rudy, if you'd like to come up and join us, we'll put you to work. Welcome."

For more information on Mr. Campos's appointment, please contact Public Information Officer Pamela Kunze at 733-6606.

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