

Change in CDE leadership in the Adult Education Office

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Dear Adult Education Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you of a change in leadership in the Adult Education Office at the California Department of Education (CDE). This change was necessitated by a reduction of funding for personnel in the Career and College Transition Division at the CDE. As a result of this reduction in funding, we are reorganizing our Division which includes the Adult Education Office.

As you know, Chris Nelson has been the administrator of the Adult Education Office and his service to California and Adult Education is exceptional. Unfortunately, CDE is unable to keep Chris who has been serving in a Visiting Educator role leading the Adult Education Office. Due to the reorganization of our Division it is necessary to terminate his contract.

Effective July 1, 2017, Dr. Carolyn Zachry will assume leadership of the Adult Education Office. Dr. Zachry will come to her new role with solid Adult Education, Regional Occupational Programs, School Attendance Review Board, Workability I, as well as other categorical program experiences at the county level. In addition, Dr. Zachry has been with the Department of Education since 2010 and has been leading the Career Technical Education Administration and Management office since early 2014.

I thank Mr. Nelson for his service to CDE over the past two years. I have full confidence that Dr. Zachry will be able to continue the good work begun by Mr. Nelson.

Sincerely,

Donna Wyatt, Director
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