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**Former Madera County Supervisor J. Gordon Kennedy Appointed to Fill Vacant Area 6 Madera Unified School District Board Seat**

Madera, Calif.- Retired farmer and former Madera County Supervisor J. Gordon Kennedy has been named interim board member trustee of area 6 by the Madera Unified School District Board of Trustees. Kennedy, who has lived in Madera for 55 years, has been very involved in the community serving on the boards of many community groups, which includes serving as the President of the Madera Farm Bureau and the Madera Sunrise Rotary. Additionally, he served as a member of the Madera Elks Lodge and the Madera Masonic Lodge. Furthermore, he served for 8 years as a county supervisor for Madera.

Mr. Kennedy has strong ties to Madera Unified, not only through living in the community, but also through his wife who was a teacher in the school district for 32 years. All four of his children attended our schools as well. He is also active in community committees that benefit both the city and the county of Madera.

“I feel that I can offer experience and fairly represent all segments of the community. I believe Madera Unified School District strength is a good force of teachers to promote and encourage excellence in education for all students,” said Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy will be the appointed trustee until November 3, 2020, when regular scheduled elections will take place.

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Madera Unified School District was established in 1966. The District is committed to creating and sustaining a culture enabling Madera Unified students to experience an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially and personally transformative.