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ELK GROVE UNIFIED CONGRATULATES LYNDA BETTENCOURT AT JAMES RUTTER MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE 2021 SACRAMENTO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Thirty-Year Teacher Veteran Advances to State Contest

ELK GROVE, Calif. – August 6, 2020 – The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) and James Rutter Middle School happily announce the selection of Lynda Bettencourt as Sacramento County Teacher of the Year for 2021. Ms. Bettencourt teaches at James Rutter Middle School as a study skills and intervention teacher and she was one of [two District teachers nominated](#) by her peers to go before the county selection committee. Out of 12 local district Teachers of the Year nominees, her interview propelled her to the top as one of two teachers chosen to advance to the statewide competition where five teachers will be identified as California’s Teachers of the Year.

After taking a few days to process the magnitude of the honor, Bettencourt said, “I am overwhelmed with joy and appreciation to join the ranks as a County Teacher of the Year. I continue to feel immeasurable gratitude toward the many educators and students throughout my life who influenced my teaching career.”

Since 1990, Bettencourt has taught at six schools in EGUSD, including Cosumnes Oaks High School, Joseph Kerr Middle School, Harriet Eddy Middle School, Toby Johnson Middle School, Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School and now at James Rutter Middle School.

This year, in lieu of a reception, a virtual celebration took place on July 30, 2020 where each teacher spoke about what it meant for them to be chosen as Teachers of the Year for their district.

[> Sacramento County Teachers of the Year 2021 Announced](#)

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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