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## **Metropolitan Education District Superintendent Announces Retirement Following 2023-2024 School Year**



**San Jose, CA:** After 11 years leading the Metropolitan Education District (MetroED) and more than three decades in public education, specifically Career Technical Education, Superintendent Alyssa Lynch has announced plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Lynch came to MetroED in 2013 after working for the Santa Clara County Office of Education for nine years and Mission Valley ROP for 11 years.

“Choosing to retire was difficult,” Lynch said, adding she is grateful to have had the chance to be a superintendent.

“Leading MetroED and serving six school districts has really been the greatest honor and privilege of my life,” Lynch said. “MetroED has been fortunate to have continued support from the six districts immediately entering into the Local Control Funding Formula era, which changed everything in public education related to funding.”

Lynch stated she feels extremely fortunate to have paved the way by making the conversion for MetroED from direct funding to local funding.

Governing Board President Brian Wheatley praised Lynch's leadership, saying: "She will be leaving the district in a strong, stable position for her successor."

"The district is lucky to have had Alyssa for 11 years. That's a very long tenure for a superintendent," Wheatley said. "We've appreciated her dedication to evolving the district into a district for all students. In the early days, it was considered a school for students behind in credit. Now it is a district for college-going students and for students that need to get right to work."

Lynch plans to work through June. The Governing Board is expected to begin laying out plans to choose a replacement. If all goes well, Wheatley hopes to have the new superintendent picked in time for there to be an overlap with Lynch to facilitate a smooth transition.

"I want everyone to feel comfortable with the person that comes in," Wheatley said. "We are not looking to make dramatic changes. We are looking to create a place where we can build upon what's been done."

Lynch said: "For many years, I have worked to elevate students' voices to the forefront of all my decisions and directions as an educator and superintendent. As I look to the future for MetroED, I see great things ahead. We have tremendous leadership throughout the organization and the best CTE and adult education educators in Santa Clara County. I believe we have made great strides that will ensure the district is in a great place for this leadership transition."

Furthermore, she shared: "I am incredibly proud of our many accomplishments during my time as superintendent. We have made immeasurable efforts to continue to be the leader in career-oriented workforce development education in Silicon Valley. MetroED is somewhere where ALL students belong and succeed."

In looking back on her career, Lynch said a few highlights were renaming Silicon Valley CTE and Silicon Valley Adult Education programs, showcasing student success, and working with local and state legislators to improve CTE Funding for students.

In 2008, Lynch was named Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) State CTE Administrator of the Year, in 2016, Silicon Valley Business Journal Women of Influence, 2018 ACSA Superintendent of the Year, and in 2022, Lynch was profiled by the Santa Clara County Office of Education as an ACSA Women in Leadership.

Lynch looks forward to volunteering at local school districts, traveling, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

***About Metropolitan Education District:*** MetroED is a regional provider of Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Education. We are the largest career-oriented education organization in Northern California for high school and adult students. Annually, MetroED provides 2,600 diverse students with the skills to help them be productive, income-earning and tax-paying contributors to Silicon Valley. Register for a free campus tour or get more information at [www.metroed.net](http://www.metroed.net)

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