



Dr. Ward Andrus BIO

Dr. Andrus is an innovative leader with an impressive depth of experience in California's K-12 education system. His proven track record as a teacher, vice principal, principal, executive director, interim assistant superintendent, and superintendent have uniquely positioned him to serve the MVUSD community.

Previously, Dr. Andrus served as the Central Union High School District Superintendent. He led a student voice project to re-engage students while addressing learning loss and social-emotional needs post pandemic. He also led the construction of a 60,000 square foot, 31 classroom science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) building.

Prior to CUHSD, Dr. Andrus served in several administrative positions for the Placer County Office of Education, San Juan Unified, Folsom-Cordova Unified and the Stockton Unified School District. While at the Stockton Unified School District, Dr. Andrus worked with a network of 56 schools, providing services to approximately 34,000 students. This experience afforded him the opportunity to lead the way for staff, students, and parents in the areas of career technical education development, social-emotional learning, intervention supports, human resources, professional development, and facilities management.

Dr. Andrus earned his doctorate from the University of La Verne in Organizational Leadership, his Master of Arts degree from CSU Sacramento, and his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University. Additionally, he successfully completed the National Superintendent's Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology course, 'Becoming a More Equitable Educator.' In 2018, he was named the California Project Lead the Way Educational Leader of the Year for STEM leadership.

Dr. Andrus has served as a missionary in Peru and is fluent in Spanish. In his free time, he enjoys serving his church and creating cherished memories with his talented wife Debbie (also an educator) and their four children and five grandchildren.