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**TITLE: Ms. Lori Stark Named
Coordinator, Special Education**

Sonoma Valley Unified School District is pleased to announce today the appointment of Ms. Lori Stark as Coordinator of Special Education.

Ms. Stark has been involved with disability and Special Education services since 1990, with such organizations as Becoming Independent, Easter Seals, North Bay Regional Center and with school districts throughout Northern California. Ms. Stark is highly experienced in the IEP process, supporting students and families with appropriate services across the special education continuum.

Ms. Stark roots her practice in equity in all aspects of her work with children. She values supporting all students to be independent as possible and successful in their career and college goals. Ms. Stark's personal vision is to provide a range of flexible options, both in and out of the district, to meet all students' needs. Her initial plans

are to meet with special education students and families and orientate herself with the district community to gain an understanding of the unique needs and concerns of individual families.

Among her accomplishments; Ms. Stark proudly served as a Special Day class teacher for 10 years, developed mental health resources for students that supported their social-emotional well-being at school, and has also developed a robust resource list for families while serving as a Program Specialist for Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School District, and prides herself in working closely with families as a champion for their students.

Ms. Stark enjoys being in nature, particularly hiking throughout Sonoma County and is conversational in Spanish. She enjoys travelling and is always looking for a new interesting hole in the wall restaurant, something she will definitely have the opportunity to do here in Sonoma Valley!

We welcome Ms. Stark to the Sonoma Valley Unified School district. Her tentative start date will be August 1st.

Jonathan Ferrer
Director, Human Resources
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