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## **NUSD's Kessa Early Named District 3 Administrator of the Year by the California Continuation Education Association**

(Novato, CA)...The Novato Unified School District is proud to announce that Kessa Early has been named Administrator of the Year for District 3 of the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA). CCEA made the announcement at its annual conference in Riverside, CA.

The California Continuation Education Association recognizes those individuals and programs that stand above their peers in providing excellence to students in California's continuation high schools.

Ms. Early is the Principal at Marin Oaks High School, NUSD's alternative educational program for students in grades 10-12 that have been unsuccessful in the traditional high school setting. She has been with Marin Oaks for 9 years and 14 years at NUSD. The mission of Marin Oaks is to provide a small learning environment that fosters a collaborative culture focusing on credit recovery and academics to help build the bridge to post-secondary education. Marin Oaks serves approximately 105 students each year and graduate around 45 students on average. More than 90% of the graduates further their education by attending a 2 or 4 year college or vocational school.

Growing up in Novato and graduating from Novato High School, Ms. Early currently lives in Novato and has two children in the Novato schools as well as one who graduated from Novato High in 2015. She attended Sonoma State University and is truly a local girl.

"I feel honored to have been recognized for doing work that I truly love. Working in alternative education is my absolute passion. I feel blessed to work with such an amazing, dedicated staff and our committed, resilient students," commented Ms. Early.

Jim Hogeboom, NUSD Superintendent, added, "Kessa does a fantastic job of working

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with our students that need a smaller high school environment. We are very proud of her work at Marin Oaks and this recognition is very well deserved."

The mission of the California Continuation Education Association is to advocate for the betterment of continuation education and to promote the development of quality schools for our students, to support and provide professional development for the improvement of instruction that leads to student achievement of high standards, completion of a high school diploma, effective preparation for work, positive community involvement, and a foundation for life-long learning. The California Continuation Education Association was formed in 1962

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