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Areas of Expertise

**Interim Administrator | Preschool Advising | Charter Schools | Superintendent Advisor Coach
Collective Bargaining | Team Building | Board Governance | Advocacy**



Dr. Robert Hudson retired with 34 years in public education. He served as a public school teacher, as an elementary and high school principal, and for the last 24 years of his career as a public school superintendent. He served at Allensworth Elementary as Superintendent/Principal, Laton Joint Unified School District as District Superintendent, Alpaugh Unified School District as the District Superintendent, and finally at Alta Vista Elementary School District as the District Superintendent.

During his career, Dr. Rob served almost exclusively in high-poverty Title I schools with significant numbers of at-risk students. Several of these districts were in dire financial difficulty and serving students in substandard facilities. In all cases, he was able to guide his jurisdictions to a course of improvement addressing governance, culture, academic growth, and site improvement through innovative models such as shared leadership and intensively focused learning communities. Always with an eye on facilities, he was able to secure funding to replace decrepit structures utilizing lobbying coupled with a strong political presence in Sacramento.

Dr. Rob also has a specific interest in the establishment of Charter Schools, which provided direct services to home-based students in the San Joaquin Valley. This also provided financial enhancements to the authorizing districts as well. He also provided oversight and guidance to these charter schools. He has spoken nationally about the authorizing process as it pertains to small schools. Dr. Hudson has a strong interest in Early Childhood Education and has served as a preschool teacher, a site director, and has served on committees with the CDE to improve the system. He also established the first preschool-to-kindergarten blended model in the state that required extensive work and special dispensation from Sacramento. He also worked with local legislators to develop language that legislatively authorized a four-day workweek for Alpaugh Unified.

Dr. Hudson taught at Chapman/Brandman University in the areas of teacher development and master's degree preparation. He also served as the clerk for the Southwest Transportation JPA Board serving more than 20 school districts and their transportation needs. Dr. Hudson served for seven years on the then SSPI Jack O'Connell's P-16 Advisory Committee, which laid the groundwork for many current practices such as Calpads. He also served as the President of the Tulare County SSDA for five years. He received the California ACSD Helen Heffernan Outstanding Instruction Leader Award in 2008. Dr. Hudson earned his Master's Degree from Fresno State and Doctorate degree from Capella University with a dissertation focused on the impact of parent training on immigrant families.