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### **Gunn Marie Hansen, Ph.D. Appointed OUSD Deputy Superintendent**

ORANGE, CA – April 22, 2014 – The Orange Unified School District Board of Education announced the appointment of Gunn Marie Hansen, Ph.D. to the position of Deputy Superintendent at the April 17, 2014 regular session meeting. The appointment is effective for a term of three years and begins July 1, 2014.

“Dr. Hansen personifies District leadership to the highest degree. She has the finesse and relationship skills required to effectively lead a large, diverse District, combined with the experience and expertise needed to continually increase student achievement,” said Michael Christensen, Superintendent of Schools for Orange Unified School District.

An educator for over 24 years, Dr. Hansen began her career as an elementary school teacher and steadily advanced in her job responsibilities as a Grant Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Adjunct Professor, Principal, Assistant Director, Director, and Associate Superintendent, serving in various southern California school districts before coming to Orange Unified as Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services in 2010.

“One of Dr. Hansen’s highest priorities is to ensure that all students have access to the core curriculum and are provided effective instruction and intervention,” Superintendent Christensen added. “Her tremendous amount of knowledge has positively impacted K-12 student achievement in Orange Unified.”

In addition to the numerous awards and professional recognitions Dr. Hansen has received throughout her career, she was most recently named 2014 California Central Office Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

Dr. Hansen earned her Doctorate of Philosophy and Master of Science degrees at the University of Southern California, and her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science at Tulane University. Additionally, she received her teaching credentials through California State University, Dominguez Hills’ Graduate Teacher Education Program.

*The Orange Unified School District educates approximately 30,000 students in the Cities of Orange, Villa Park, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and county areas. The school district, founded in 1953, encompasses 108 square miles. The District office is located at 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, California.*