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NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dan Brown** to the **Valley Academy of Career and Technology Education (VACTE) District Governing Board** for a representative from the Sedona Oak Creek School District. VACTE is a Joint Technical Education District (JTED) which serves the residents of various school districts within the Verde Valley.

The opening was created by the sudden passing of Mr. Tom Moore, who was a “founding VACTE Board Member” and the sole representative of the voters of the Sedona Oak Creek School District since the inception of the joint district. We appreciate the outstanding and dedicated service Mr. Moore provided to the community for so many years. Our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and constituents.

Mr. Brown graduated from high school in Michigan and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Grand Valley State University in Social Studies / Psychology. He completed a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University.

Mr. Brown taught in Michigan for several years and then became a school administrator before relocating to Sedona in 2004. He was selected as the Principal at Camp Verde Middle School, before being named as the Camp Verde Unified School District Superintendent in 2009, a post he held until 2012. Mr. Brown was then selected as the State Director for Career and Technical Education at the Arizona Department of Education. He is currently working with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind.

Mr. Carter stated, "the voters of the Sedona Oak Creek School District should be extremely pleased that there were two outstanding candidates for this position, either of which I would have been proud to appoint. This was a very difficult decision. In speaking individually with members of both the VACTE and Sedona Oak Creek Governing Board Members and District Leadership, and members of the public, it became obvious that both candidates, Mr. Brown and Mr. Jeff Wassell, a Fire Captain for the Sedona Fire Department, were different in many respects, but equitable with each other as to their qualifications for the position. Mr. Brown was selected specifically due to his knowledge and experience with the K-12 system, current legislative enactments, and how quickly he could be up to speed on issues impacting VACTE."

Mr. Carter accepted letters of interest and personally interviewed the candidates in Sedona on April 21st.

The appointment is valid from April 22, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Mr. Brown will take part in his first Board Meeting this evening. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Carter at 928-925-6560 or Mr. Brown at 928-451-6715.