

## Madera Unified superintendent appears to be on hot seat

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Edward Gonzalez

The future of another central San Joaquin Valley superintendent has entered the crosshairs of a local school board.

Madera Unified trustees on Tuesday will talk in closed session about removing or disciplining Superintendent Edward González, who was hired in summer 2013 and still has more than a year left on his contract. The board meets at 5:30 p.m.

Out with the old, in with the new has become a familiar story for school superintendents this post-election year: The school boards in both [Selma](#) and [Golden Valley](#), each with its own set of newly elected members, fired their superintendents this month. Madera Unified's board also was reshuffled in 2014, with three new trustees joining the seven-member board.

González may be next, although it's unclear why the board is taking up [his contract](#). The [meeting agenda](#) gives little insight and none of the board members returned several email messages left by The Bee on Monday.

Other local education officials were also mum Monday. Madera County Superintendent Cecilia Massetti said she has no information about the agenda item.

On the firings of other local superintendents, she said, "It wouldn't be appropriate for me to comment."

The discussion about González's contract comes after [recent shakeups](#) at several other local districts. Both Selma Unified Superintendent Mark Sutton and Golden Valley Superintendent Andrew Alvarado were ousted this month over stiff community opposition and with little public discussion. Each earned big payouts since they were fired before their contracts ended.

Madera Unified fiscal services director Teri Bradshaw said González, whose contract expires June 30, 2016, could be paid up to \$256,000 and receive health benefits for 18 months if he's fired without cause. González would be paid through his last day worked if the board has a reason to fire him.

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