

New Central Unified superintendent is ousted Selma leader

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Mark Sutton, [ousted earlier this year by the Selma Unified school board](#), will become Central Unified School District's new superintendent.

Central Unified announced the move late Tuesday night following a board meeting. Sutton will replace the retiring Mike Berg, who will stay with the district through December to help with the transition.

Sutton was fired in February on a 3-2 vote by the Selma board, ending a seven-year career as the district's superintendent. According to Central Unified, he has more than 25 years of school administrative experience in the Valley. No details about his Central contract were announced.

The Selma board had little to say about Sutton when it voted to fire him. Only a few spoke out against Sutton.

Sutton didn't speak that night. He had three years left on his contract and had received only positive reviews since he was hired in 2007, and several who spoke in support of him at the February board meeting noted him as a hard worker who has a solid presence in the Selma community.

He received a buyout of more than \$250,000 — or 18 months of pay, plus health benefits.

Check back for more on this developing story.