

Public Education Service Award

*As a model of service and personal commitment for citizens everywhere,
the Alameda County Board of Education and
Alameda County Superintendent of Schools commend*

James Sweeney

James Sweeney's years of commitment and innovative leadership exemplifies his life-long dedication to lifting up young people and their families, making them stronger, providing them with skills, values, direction, and opportunities to become productive members of our community. He has spent his life working as an agent for social change. There is no work more important.

We at ACOE want to pay tribute to James Sweeney's service on the Advisory Board at Camp Wilmont Sweeney. James Sweeney carries on the quiet tradition of his uncle, Judge Wilmont Sweeney, whose name honors the commitment to creating environment which would foster through education, a new chance for young men who have been in trouble with the law.

Despite his many professional obligations, James Sweeney has always found time to provide leadership and support for our most troubled youth. That work is also exemplified by his leadership and efforts as Executive Director of "Youth for San Francisco," which was instrumental in the efforts that resulted in the support of 1,400 Latino youth as they prepared to obtain their GED; and thus providing them with an essential tool in their common goal to become productive and responsible members of our society.

We commend James Sweeney for his dedication, strength and resolve to helping to build in which we all want to live, and for helping secure a brighter future for us all.

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*Fred Sims, President
Alameda County Board of Education*

*Sheila Jordan, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education*