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Raymond named superintendent, will begin in August

Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education members voted unanimously Thursday evening to name Jonathan P. Raymond superintendent. Raymond is currently chief accountability officer for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) in North Carolina. The Board chose Raymond after a nationwide search, citing his commitment to diversity, community engagement, professional experience, and his work in Charlotte using data to increase academic achievement.

“Jonathan will bring wide-ranging and relevant experiences coupled with a strong commitment to diversity, students, parents, community engagement and data-driven decision making,” said Board president Roy Grimes. “I was pleased that he was attracted by our district’s urban nature. I’m proud of the nationwide search our Board conducted. It was an inclusive and thorough process that attracted more than 50 applicants.”

Raymond joined CMS as chief accountability officer in 2006. His work there has included a Microsoft award-winning data system that brought increased transparency to district results and school performance. He has also worked on major initiatives such as performance management, school quality reviews and school progress reports.

“Every child can learn to high levels, and it is our responsibility as adults to make sure that every child does learn,” Raymond said. “Accountability is a key element in building trust and respect for any public school district. I look forward to working with our Board, the community, our employees and our students to help Sacramento City Unified School District increase academic achievement.”

Raymond will lead a district that serves 48,132 K-12 students, with more than 71 percent eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. Sacramento City Unified is one of the most diverse school systems in the nation. Hispanic students make up 32.9 percent of its K-12 student enrollment; 21.3 percent are white; 21.1 are African-American; 20.1 percent are Asian and 1.7 percent are Pacific Islander. The district also includes 1.3 percent Filipino students and 1.2 percent American Indian or Alaskan Native. Raymond will become the 25th district superintendent. SCUSD is the state’s 12th largest district.

Raymond’s contract runs for four years. His annual salary will be \$245,000. He will begin his superintendency in Sacramento Aug. 21.

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Before joining CMS, Raymond was president and chief executive officer at the nonprofit Commonwealth Corporation in Boston where he focused on innovative education and workforce development programs. He developed an industry-driven job training program, expanded a successful program for at-risk youth and worked with the state of Massachusetts to increase adult literacy. He also began the Center for Research & Evaluation to train 16 districts in data-driven decision making.

In addition, Raymond served as legislative counsel to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency in Washington, D.C. and worked on Capitol Hill for U.S. Rep. Tom Lewis and Senator Orrin G. Hatch.

Raymond earned a bachelor's degree in history from Tufts University, a master's degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a law degree from George Mason Law School. He is a 2006 graduate of the Broad Superintendents Academy and is a member of the Massachusetts and Florida bar associations.

During his three years in Charlotte, Raymond was active in civic and community affairs. He served on the board of directors of the Urban League of the Central Carolinas and the Mayor's International Council.

Raymond, a native of Newton, Mass., is married and has three children.

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