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# News Release

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**For Release:**  
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**Friday, Aug. 21: 6:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.**

## **Superintendent begins tenure with students, parents, employees and community in 12-hour first day**

Jonathan P. Raymond will begin his first day—Friday, Aug. 21—as the new Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) superintendent honoring a commitment to “listen and learn” as he meets with students, visits parents, schools, employees and tours the California Museum of History. Raymond’s 12-hour day will begin at 6:15 a.m. as he assists in raising the U.S. and California flags at the district headquarters and end at approximately 6:15 p.m. after concluding two home visits to parents with teachers and counselors.

**A schedule of the day is attached, and media is invited to follow him as he makes his way around the district. Reporters are asked to call Maria L. Lopez (on Friday, Aug. 21, please call her at 916/752-3705) to confirm no changes to the schedule have occurred.**

Raymond’s prior position was that of chief accountability officer in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He served there from 2006 to the present. Before joining CMS, Raymond was president and chief executive officer at the nonprofit Commonwealth Corporation in Boston. While there, he focused on innovative education programs, including expanding a successful program for at-risk youth and training 16 school districts in data-driven decision making. Under his leadership, the corporation moved from a \$400,000 deficit to a surplus of \$750,000 and doubled its private funding.

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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**About Sacramento City Unified School District:** Mr. Raymond will become the district’s 25<sup>th</sup> superintendent. The district 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. SCUSD is the state’s 12<sup>th</sup> largest district.

***-MORE: AUG. 21 SCHEDULE ATTACHED-***

**Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent Jonathan P. Raymond  
First Day Schedule: Friday, Aug. 21, 2009**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location and Address</b>	<b>Description</b>
6:15 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.	Serna Center 5735 47 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Help raise U.S. and California flags at Serna Center.
6:40 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.	Transportation Yard 3101 Redding Ave.	Meet and greet employees
7 a.m. to 7:35 a.m.	Purchasing and Warehouse Services 3051 Redding Ave.	Meet and greet employees
7:40 a.m. to 8 a.m.	Nutrition Services 3051 Redding Ave.	Meet and greet employees
8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	Matriculation & Orientation Center (MOC) 2401 Florin Rd.	Meet employees and observe services to new immigrant families and students
8:50 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Serna Center 5735 47 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Tour of building, meet employees
10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.	Charles A. Jones Career and Education Center 5451 Lemon Hill Ave.	Tour, meet teachers and student body president
11:15 to 12:45 p.m.	CA History Museum 1020 "O" St.	Tour and lunch with 15 to 20 high school debate students and Marcus Walton (coach) and volunteers
1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	New Technology High School 1400 Dickson St.	Student Tour, visit classrooms [small high school, dependent charter; Paula Hanzel, principal]
2 p.m. to 2:40 pm.	Hiram Johnson High School 6879 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Meet appx. 25 Leadership and football students; introduction and Q & A [Rich Cvitanov, principal]
2:45 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.	H. Johnson Family Education Center, Registration & Resource Building 3535 65 <sup>th</sup> St.	Tour of pre-school, registration center [Ginny Condon, coordinator]
3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Earl Warren Elementary 5420 Lowell St.	Meet Carrie Rose, executive director of Teacher/Home Visit Project and Project's board members. Get briefing about project, briefing on 2 home visits in Earl Warren Elementary and Hiram Johnson attendance areas
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	2 Home Visits with teachers from Earl Warren Elementary and Hiram Johnson High School	Details to follow

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