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Sacramento welcomes school district Superintendent-designate Raymond

Sacramento City Unified School District board members, parents, and staff will welcome Superintendent-designate Jonathan P. Raymond and his wife, Julie, with an **11 a.m. news conference on Monday, Aug. 10 at the Serna Center located at 5735 47th Ave.**

Raymond will visit Sacramento Aug. 10 through 12 before beginning his duties as superintendent on Aug. 21. He was named superintendent on July 23.

During his remarks, Raymond will outline his goals and priorities as superintendent and why he sought the Sacramento post. "I believe that it is the obligation of any school district to put children first," Raymond said. "Leadership means owning your work, taking responsibility for it," he added.

The superintendent-designate also emphasizes the need for collaboration. "We need to work together. We need to collaborate within schools and across the district," he says. "No one has all the answers—so we need to collaborate, to work together, to succeed."

In selecting Raymond, SCUSD Board President Roy Grimes says, "Mr. Raymond will bring wide-ranging and relevant experiences coupled with a strong commitment to diversity, students, parents, community engagement and data-driven decision making." Grimes adds, "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, transparent and thorough process that attracted more than 50 applicants."

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.

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