

Jonathan P. Raymond
Superintendent-Designate, Sacramento City Unified School District

Jonathan P. Raymond was approved as Superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District on July 23, 2009 and will begin serving a four-year contract on August, 21, 2009.

He brings wide-ranging and relevant professional experience coupled with a strong commitment to diversity, students, parents, and community engagement to his role as leader of a major urban California school district. Mr. Raymond is an advocate and practitioner of data-driven decision making.

“Leadership and accountability go hand in hand,” Mr. Raymond said. “It is critical to the success of any school district to have a comprehensive way to measure student progress. Adults must be held accountable for the progress of our children, and we must set high expectations for ourselves and our students.”

Since 2006, Mr. Raymond has served as chief accountability officer at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina. His work there included launching a Microsoft award-winning data system that made school performance and results more accessible to parents and the public. He has also worked on major initiatives such as performance management, school quality reviews and school progress reports.

Before joining CMS, Mr. 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. Under his leadership, the corporation moved from a \$400,000 deficit to a surplus of \$750,000 and doubled its private funding.

Mr. Raymond has 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.

He holds 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. In addition, Mr. Raymond 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, Mr. 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.

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

About Sacramento City Unified School District: Mr. Raymond will become the district’s 25th 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 12th largest district.

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