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Marysville School Board to take action to appoint Jason Thompson as Superintendent

Jason Thompson has been serving as the Marysville School District's Interim Superintendent since July 1, 2018, being appointed to the position six months after serving as the 'Acting Superintendent' following the departure of Dr. Becky Berg.

The school board has now decided to place Mr. Thompson into a permanent role and will take action at their November 19 regular session board meeting to appoint him as 'Superintendent'.

"Although there are some details to work out, we are very pleased with Mr. Thompson's leadership over the past eleven months and feel he is the right person for the job at the right time," says Dr. Tom Albright, Board President. "The District has been through a lot in the past months and we feel that keeping Mr. Thompson at the helm is in the best interest of our students, families, staff, and the District. He has worked hard to bring stability and positive change and has made some tough decisions necessary to improve the educational environment for our students, families, and staff. Some examples include finalizing a year-long process of engagement with stakeholders, responding to what was learned by restructuring positions at the District to bolster communications and engagement and address student safety and security, creating a focus on improving relationships and building trust throughout the organization, working to create a culture of customer service, and completing successful negotiations with teachers in uncertain state funding times".

"I am very humbled and honored to be considered for this appointment," says Mr. Thompson. "I am proud of our schools and the District and our team of professional educators. We have work to do but I am excited to be part of that work" he added.

Superintendent contracts typically are for three years. Mr. Thompson will complete this year for which he is already under contract and the school board will follow its typical procedure in the evaluation of the Superintendent in accordance with district policy and procedure. A new contract would then go in effect July 1.

"My focus for this school year is on relationships and building trust across the organization; adult to adult, adult to student, student to adult, and student to student along with District and school staff providing exceptional customer service to all stakeholders," says Mr. Thompson.

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