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**RAINIER WELCOMES NEW INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT**

The Rainier School Board is pleased to announce and welcome Dr. Joseph Hatrick as the new interim superintendent during the 2020-21 school year.

Dr. Hatrick is currently the superintendent/principal for the Riverbend Prep Academy in Laveen, Arizona. He has over 17 years of administrative experience. Dr. Hatrick currently teaches at the Arizona University in Phoenix. He received his doctoral degree from Grand Canyon University in 2019. He is a published author/presenter of multiple educational topics including his dissertation on school climate reform. Dr. Hatrick began his career as a trained school social worker in the late 90's.

"We are happy to report that we have completed our search for an Interim Superintendent," Rainier School Board Chair Darren Vaughn said. "The superintendent search committee and school board were able to work with many district staff and community members to review and narrow down the search to one candidate that we wanted to invite to join our Rainier community."

Dr. Joseph Hatrick brings professionalism, experience, and new energy to Rainier. He brings a fresh perspective and an enthusiasm for academic achievement for all of us at the Rainier School District. His past experiences show strength in community engagement, as well as a strong understanding of school operations. At his current position in Arizona, he was able to bring the school's overall state rating up two full grades while also building a love of school within its students, staff, and parents.

Dr. Hatrick shared, "I am very excited to be joining Rainier School District and look forward to getting to know the staff, parents, students, and community. I am truly honored to have been selected to lead the Rainier School District and plan to serve the District and community with the goal of ensuring every child receives high-quality education that will prepare them for a successful future. As lead learner, I also will strive to ensure all adults in the District grow personally and professionally. Rainier's small community brings with it many rich traditions, which I look forward to becoming a part of."

We are pleased to have Dr. Hatrick as our new interim superintendent and look forward to working together in this very important transitional year.

For more information, contact Mr. Darren Vaughn, Rainier School Board chairman.