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SUPERINTENDENT, PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GOALS IF ELECTED TO SERVE

- **Capitalize** on innovations implemented statewide in response to COVID-19 to leverage sustained change in public education.
- **Protect** investments that are already working and have a direct and immediate impact on student success.
- **Leverage** WASA's leadership to dismantle inequity in education policies, systems, and services to ensure every student has inclusive access to the mental health support, academic support, coursework and technology they need.
- **Maximize** WASA's position within AASA to connect across the country to identify innovations for systemic improvement.
- **Repair and restore** the spirits of WA state administrators by finding ways to celebrate the tremendous work of our colleagues across the state.
- **Center** equity in WASA's actions and decision-making by incorporating diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice as hard-and-fast principles, not just words.

DEAR WASA COLLEAGUES,

I am honored to be of service to the community of Pasco, Washington, as Superintendent. While I hold the title of Superintendent, I see my job as being of service to the community I have loved my entire life.

Every role I have held, from a teacher, to counselor, to building administrator and district-level leader, has allowed me to use my background, knowledge, and expertise to make the heavy lift of educating the youth of our community a little lighter. When I was asked to run WASA President, I said yes to offering who I am to the work of making your lift a little lighter.

These are urgent times, but they are filled with possibility if we build on the collective insight and wisdom we have gained this year. In developing strategic goals should I become elected, I reached out to colleagues from across the state to harvest wisdom to best serve you.

The priorities highlight our opportunity to use our learning over the last year to sustain educational innovation and protect programs that are working to close the gap for our most vulnerable youth and families. Commit to using WASA and AASA's network to shape policy discussions at the state and national level and connect across the nation to leverage innovations and best practices that are moving the needle. Finally and foundationally, repair and restore the spirit of administrators across this state who have been the heroes of this moment.

I believe that a listening ear, an open mind, a strong voice, and the tightly held core value of standing in the gap and bridging the divide for those who need us the most are the highest calling. I am proud to serve this community and proud to serve this state. I will bring the sum total of my experiences, connections, and passion to serving you as we unify, recover, and achieve in the new world that waits for us post COVID-19.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

2016–PRESENT	Superintendent
2015–2016	Deputy Successor Superintendent
2013–15	Exec. Director of Teaching and Learning
2011–13	Director of Human Resources
2006–11	Principal McLoughlin Middle School
2004–06	Assistant Principal McLoughlin Middle School
2001–04	Counselor/Librarian
2000–01	Librarian/Technology Facilitator
1998–00	Fourth Grade Teacher
1996–98	Kindergarten Teacher
1995–96	Substitute Teacher

EDUCATION

2016

Superintendent Certification

Washington State University

2004

Principal Certification

Washington State University

2001

Master in Education

*ESA Certification | Emphasis in
Psychology and Counseling Theory*
Washington State University

1995

Bachelor in Education

*Summa Cum Laude | Endorsement in
Elementary Education K–8,
Endorsement in English as a Second
Language K–12*
Washington State University

1993

Associate of Arts

Emphasis in Science and Business
Columbia Basin College

WASA SERVICE

2020–21	Membership Committee Representative WASA Region 123
2020–21	Professional Learning Committee Representative WASA Region 123
2020–21	WASA/OSPI Superintendents Roundtable
2020–21	Student Learning Advisory Workgroup
2019–PRESENT	Region 123 President
2018–19	Conference Presenter
2018–19	Region 123 Vice-President
2010–PRESENT	Superintendent Mentor

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

2019–PRESENT	Boy and Girls Club of America Board Member
2018–PRESENT	Tri Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce myTRI Education Council
2016–PRESENT	Kiwanis Club of Pasco, Member
2016–19	AASA, Member
2015–16	Tri City Herald Editorial Board Community Reader Representative
2012–16	Leadership Tri Cities Board of Directors
2012–13	President of Leadership Tri-Cities Class 18
2011–PRESENT	Washington Association of School Administrators
1996–PRESENT	Golden Key International Honor Society Alum

