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WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPOINTS KIM MOSES, ED.D., AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

WCCUSD School Board Unanimously Votes to Appoint Dr. Kim Moses as Interim Superintendent Following Closed Session

RICHMOND – The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Board of Education has voted unanimously, with one trustee absent, to appoint Kim Moses, Ed.D., as interim superintendent, following the retirement of Superintendent Kenneth C. Hurst, Sr., Ed.D. in December. The vote took place during a closed session board meeting today, October 1, at DeJean Middle School.

Dr. Moses, currently the Associate Superintendent of Business Services, is a proud alumna of WCCUSD, having graduated from Kennedy High School in 1989. Her career in education spans over 30 years, including 18 years in leadership roles within WCCUSD. Dr. Moses has served as a teacher, principal, and administrator, embodying the district's commitment to "growing our own."

"I am honored and humbled to serve in this interim role," Dr. Moses said. "I want to thank the Board of Education for this opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff of WCCUSD in this leadership capacity. I have great respect for Superintendent Hurst and appreciate his confidence in me to continue the work we've started together. As a former PK-12 student in Richmond schools and an administrator in this district for 18 years, I have a deep understanding of both the challenges and the successes within our system. I look forward to working with our staff, labor partners, and the community to support our schools and our students during this transition."

Dr. Moses has a distinguished educational background, holding a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis on education and a master's degree in urban educational leadership, both from UC Berkeley. She earned her doctoral degree in educational leadership from East Carolina University. Over the course of her career, she has served as a teacher in Oakland Unified School District for 12 years before moving into administrative roles in WCCUSD, including serving as vice principal at Nystrom Elementary School and principal at Wilson Elementary School (now Michelle Obama Elementary School). Most recently, Dr. Moses has held the role of Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Under her leadership, the district was able to reach a healthy fiscal status, moving from a high-risk district to a low-risk district this year.

Superintendent Hurst, who recently announced plans to retire in December, expressed his full support for the board's decision: "Dr. Moses is a dedicated and accomplished leader with deep roots in this community. I have full confidence that she will continue the progress we've made and lead the district with strength and compassion. I fully support the board's decision and know that WCCUSD is in great hands."

Board President Jamela Smith-Folds echoed Dr. Hurst's sentiment: "Dr. Moses is a true example of what it means to grow our own leaders. As a former WCCUSD student, teacher, principal, and district administrator, she knows our community, understands our challenges, and is deeply committed to our students' success. She is also committed to the antiracism vision. We are confident she will lead our district with integrity, transparency and dedication during this transitional period."

Dr. Moses will officially take on the role of interim superintendent in December 2024. The Board will begin the search for a permanent superintendent later this year.

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