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GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Board of Trustees Unanimously Voted In Favor of William Spalding to Lead the District for the Next Several Years

GALT, CA — The Galt Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees unanimously voted, 5-0, for the contract and appointment of Mr. William “Bill” Spalding as the district’s new superintendent at the May 8 regular session meeting.

“After an extensive search and thorough validation visit, the board feels very confident in Mr. Spalding’s abilities to lead our district,” said GJUHSD Board President Angela Marie DaPrato. “We selected a leader with superintendent experience, who believes in teamwork and collaboration, has a long history of expanding opportunities for all students, and a profound passion for seeing all students succeed.”



The district announced Spalding as their lone finalist in mid-April, following a nationwide search conducted by Leadership Associates, a nationally recognized educational search firm, which brought an excellent field of 29 highly qualified candidates from across California and several states in the nation.

"I am humbled and grateful for the confidence of the GJUHSD Board in selecting me as their superintendent," said Spalding. "Galt is a terrific town, and has a small-town vibe that feels like home. The high school district has demonstrated real commitment to its students with the passage of a bond that is vastly improving facilities. The district has outstanding programs, a vast array of options for students and a sharp focus on academics. The Board is committed to kids and focused on the right things. I am very excited to begin my work in such a vibrant and dynamic district, and to serve for many years."

Spalding is currently Superintendent of the Dos Palos-Oro Loma Joint Unified School District, a public school district in Merced County, which serves more than 2,400 students. Spalding has worked closely with his board over the last two years to raise expectations for students,



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increase community involvement, and create strategies to reverse the decline of enrollment in the district.

“Mr. Spalding’s profound knowledge of accelerating student achievement, creating meaningful pathways, love for the arts, passion for food-to-fork culture, admiration towards our nationally recognized FFA programs, experience in directing services for English Language Learners, special education, alternative education, career and technical education, informational and educational technology, knowledge of block scheduling, working with elementary districts, along with his outstanding leadership and teaching practices, and his understanding of small town communities makes him the perfect match for our district and community,” continued DaPrato. “Mr. Spalding shares the same educational values as the board, and being a father of two he shares the same hopes and dreams that many of our parents want for their children.”

As an educator for the past 30 years, Spalding has served as a classroom teacher, middle school and high school principal, and Director of Multicultural Education and Staff Development. He has also supported Superintendents and district administrators as a consultant with Total School Solutions.

Prior to working in Dos Palos, Spalding was Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for five years in the Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento. During that time, he became a member of the Project Lead the Way Executive Committee, NextED, a non-profit partnership of K-12, community colleges, universities, and business and industry leaders developing pathways and policies on behalf of students and workforce development for the next economy. From 2009 to 2011, Spalding served as the Program Manager for English Learners and Multicultural Education in San Juan Unified School District in Carmichael. He was also the Director of Multicultural Education and Staff Development, and Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction for Grant Joint Union High School District (which is now the Twin Rivers Unified School District) in Sacramento before being recruited by Total School Solutions.

Spalding is excited to be back in the Sacramento region to be closer to his family and friends. He looks forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with staff, the education community of Galt, elected officials, community members, students, and the GJUHSD Board of Trustees, in order to achieve success for all students.

Spalding signed a three-year contract with GJUHSD. During the term of the agreement his annual salary shall be \$175,000. The district will also provide Spalding with family medical, dental and vision plan with the same coverage as provided to other district management staff, and he will be provided a district cell phone and laptop computer for home and travel use. In addition, the district shall provide Spalding with \$100 monthly for expenses incurred in performing the duties of the Superintendent, and a \$600 automobile allowance for expenses incurred within Sacramento County. Should Spalding relocate within the GJUHSD boundaries in the first or second year of his employment, the district will reimburse Spalding for relocation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Spalding will officially begin July 1.

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