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Washington Unified School District Staff Appointed to Serve on Statewide Instructional Leadership Corps

WEST SACRAMENTO—The Washington Unified School District (WUSD) congratulates Director of Technology Kim Harrison and Coordinator of Instructional Technology Melissa Oliver on their appointment to serve on the 2015-16 [Instructional Leadership Corps](#) (ILC).

Created in partnership with the California Teachers Association (CTA), the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education (SCOPE), and the National Board Resource Center at Stanford University (NBRC)—the three-year project brings together 184 highly talented and accomplished classroom teachers as well as instructional leaders to provide high-quality professional development to public school educators throughout California.

Expected to surpass last year's reach of more than 10,500 educators, the sessions underscore instructional and leadership shifts that support implementation of the California Standards for English Language Arts/English Language Development and Mathematics and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

The ILC is convening this week on September 23rd in Burlingame.

Kim Harrison has worked for WUSD for 18 months serving as a catalyst for change and a voice for teachers in the realm of education technology by promoting wireless connectivity district-wide, leading a 1:1 mobile device pilot, and working with teacher leaders to implement GAFE.

Harrison was honored in 2014 as a CUE Gold Disk recipient and has served as an officer on the CapCUE Board of Directors since 2007 in various capacities. She became a Google Certified Innovator in December 2014 in Austin, TX, and was part of the CUE Rock Star - Chico faculty in June 2015. Kim obtained Leading Edge Certifications for Professional Developer, Online and Blended Teacher, and Professional Learning Leader and is a CUE Lead Learner. Her prior work experience includes almost 12 years as a coordinator for

educational technology across two CTAP regions (Region 10 and 3) and 8 years as a classroom teacher at various grade levels 3-12 across California.

Melissa Oliver is currently serving as the WUSD Coordinator of Instructional Technology bringing more than 15 years of diverse teaching and coaching experience to provide meaningful technology integration that supports teaching and learning of the new California Standards.

Oliver's teaching background includes both general and special education elementary classrooms in Baltimore City, MD and the Sacramento area. She has served as a long-time instructional coach within WUSD as a BTSA/Induction Support Provider, PAR Consulting Teacher, and Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA). She has also trained hundreds of new teachers through her long-time work with Teach for America as a Curriculum Specialist/Instructional Leader at both Philadelphia and Los Angeles Summer Institutes. Melissa is an inaugural member of the Instructional Leadership Corps, a joint partnership between CTA, Stanford NBRC, and SCOPE to support the implementation of professional learning on the new CA Standards. Melissa became a National Board Certified Teacher in Exceptional Needs in 2011. She is a Google for Education Certified Trainer and holds Leading Edge Certification as an Online & Blended Teacher and Professional Learning Leader.

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