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Dear WUSD Staff, Parents and Community Members,

At the April 27, 2017 regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) Trustees approved the appointment of two administrators to the positions of Principal for Southport Elementary School and Director of Special Education.

Matt Ainsworth will serve as the new Principal for Southport Elementary School. Mr. Ainsworth has served as the Assistant Principal of Southport Elementary for three years playing a pivotal role in the school's development both academically and culturally. Prior to serving as Assistant Principal, Mr. Ainsworth taught fifth, sixth, and seventh grade at Southport for eleven years.

Mr. Ainsworth began his career at Southport Elementary as a student teacher and has worked tirelessly to serve the school and advance his natural-born leaderships skills. He has extensive professional experience working with students, parents and the community including expertise in the revision and implementation of several academic and behavioral management programs. His impact in the classroom continues to be large part of his leadership as he maintains supportive working relationships with faculty to sharpen planning and instruction, training staff on Behavior Management and Cooperative Learning strategies and helping with the transition of Common Core State Standards.

Matt's intricate knowledge of the school and close bond to the community will ensure a seamless transition in leadership. It is with great excitement that we announce his selection and we look forward to working with him in this role.

Susan Massey-Clover has been selected as the new Director for Special Education. Ms. Massey-Clover most recently served in the position of Coordinator II of Special Education with the Vacaville Unified School District bringing with her a level of reliability, organization and urgency that will best serve students.

She began her career in education 1999 serving in a variety of roles teaching special education at the elementary, middle school and high school levels and as a program specialist, coordinator and administrator for special education.

Her depth of knowledge of special education services along with her ability to work collaboratively with staff ensure that programs and systems are functioning efficiently to

provide all students with relevant educational opportunities coupled with the appropriate supports to help them succeed. Ms. Massey-Clover's expertise in the field and passion for helping students succeed is contagious and we are eagerly awaiting her arrival at WUSD.

Mr. Ainsworth will begin his new role on July 1, 2017 and Ms. Massey-Clover will begin her new role on May 1, 2017.