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GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS FINALIST FOR SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Board of Trustees Unanimously Chose William Spalding as the Finalist to Lead the District for the Next Several Years

GALT, CA — Following an extensive search, which brought an excellent field of 29 highly qualified candidates from across California and several states in the nation, the Galt Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees has unanimously selected William Spalding as their lone finalist for the GJUHS District Superintendent position.

“We feel very fortunate to find someone with Superintendent experience, who has a history of expanding opportunities for all students and a deep passion for seeing all students succeed,” said GJUHS District Board President Angela DaPrato. “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 and districts makes him the perfect match for our district and community. He 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.”



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

“Mr. Spalding is known for bringing communities together around common goals,” DaPrato continued. “His outreach to all segments of the community and his attention to accelerating



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student achievement have been demonstrated in his past work. He is a leader, who believes in creating a strong team, always focused on student performance.”

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 the Dos Palos area, 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 in consideration as the next Superintendent of the Galt Joint Union High School District, and moving back to 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 was selected as a finalist with the help and support of Leadership Associates, a nationally recognized educational search firm. The board is scheduled to make an announcement at their May 8th meeting.

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