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MBUSD Assistant Superintendent Chosen to Lead Larkspur-Corte Madera School District

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Dr. Brett Geithman, Manhattan Beach Unified School District's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services since 2014, has been selected to be the next Superintendent of Schools at the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District in Marin County in Northern California. His appointment is scheduled to be approved at the April 26, 2017, Board Meeting in Larkspur-Corte Madera, and he will begin on July 1, 2017.

Dr. Geithman is clearly looking forward to his new leadership position, which will build off of his experiences here in Manhattan Beach. "I have learned so much in MBUSD, and have been honored and grateful to serve our students over the last four years. There is a reason why we are an exemplar district – the teachers, support staff, leaders, parents, and community work towards one common goal, the success of every student."

Dr. Geithman was hired in 2013 to be MBUSD's Executive Director of Human Resources. Prior to that, he was a highly regarded elementary principal in the Long Beach Unified School District. He was moved to the Educational Services leadership position in 2014, where he led efforts to implement the Common Core, with now-established programs that include Writers' Workshop, Readers' Workshop, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) in math, and, most recently, Next Generation Science Standards. Superintendent Mike Matthews commented, "Dr. Geithman has led MBUSD through a time of extraordinary instructional change. Part of that change occurred because the state adopted new curricular standards. But most of our progress happened because we made the move toward the Board

goal of implementing research-based strategies in our classrooms. Dr. Geithman has done an job of working with teacher leaders and teacher committees to move faster than I ever thought possible.” Dr. Geithman echoed his appreciation for the progress in MBUSD, stating, “I have such respect and admiration for the teachers, support staff, leaders, parents, and Manhattan Beach community. We all come together in the very best interest of every child, and this is what makes MBUSD the model district that it is.”

Jennifer Cochran, MBUSD Board President added, “When I read the characteristics and experience that Larkspur–Corte Madera wanted in a superintendent, it was clear that Dr. Geithman was a brilliant choice for their district. All of his experiences in MBUSD will be immediately applicable in Larkspur–Corte Madera. We will miss Dr. Geithman, but we are grateful for his leadership and we wish him well.”

The search for the next Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services will begin on April 27, 2017. Brian Lucas, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, will be leading that search process. To read the announcement by the LCMSD Board of Trustees, click [here](#).

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ABOUT THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MBUSD serves approximately 6,800 students from preschool to twelfth grade at eight school campuses—one preschool, five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Robinson Elementary School and Grand View Elementary School were recently recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2013. Six MBUSD schools have been honored as California Gold Ribbon Schools since 2015. In 2012, Grand View Elementary was named a National Green Ribbon School, joining just 77 other schools in the United States so honored that year. In 2016, MBUSD was named as a National Green Ribbon District. MBUSD’s Michael Hayden and Maggie Mabery were the *California* Teachers of the Year in 2015 and 2016. In addition to outstanding students and excellent teachers, MBUSD is extremely fortunate to have a high level of parental involvement in the schools and very strong partnerships with community partners such as the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation, PTAs/PTSAs, MBX—Beyond the Classroom, the City of Manhattan Beach, Chevron, Continental Development, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, and other local organizations and businesses. More information about MBUSD is available at www.mbusd.org.