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Fontana, CA – At the December 14, 2016 Board Meeting, the Fontana Unified School District Board of Education announced the appointment of Randal S. Bassett as the new Superintendent for Fontana Unified.

Mr. Bassett has 22 years of management experience in education, including 20 years with the Fontana Unified School District. During the past six months, he has served in the position of Interim Superintendent, following the departure of former Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer.

Previously, Mr. Bassett has served the District in several capacities, including the executive leadership positions of Associate Superintendent of Business Services and Chief Technology Officer. During his 20-year tenure in Fontana, he has been involved in multiple aspects of the day-to-day leadership of the district. He has been a key member of the District's Superintendent's Office, Business Services, Technology, and Instructional Services teams.

In his role as Associate Superintendent, Mr. Bassett provided strong leadership for the overall business services of the District, including Fiscal Services, Child Nutrition, Purchasing, Maintenance and Operation. He took the helm at a time when California's schools were suffering from years of continuous budget cuts. Under his fiscal leadership, Fontana Unified was brought back to a place of financial stability, while increasing services to Fontana's students.

Mr. Bassett has served as a representative at the local, county, state and national levels. He has served as an executive leadership coach and mentor for statewide organizations. In 2014, Mr. Bassett was named the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 12 Technology Administrator of the Year.

"I feel honored and humbled to be appointed Superintendent of the Fontana Unified School District," said Mr. Bassett. "I am blessed to continue to be a part of the Fontana family, devoted to serving our students. I look forward to working collaboratively with our committed Board of Education, outstanding team of educators, and dedicated support staff to build a better future for our students."

In August 2016, the Fontana Unified School District contracted with The Cosca Group to conduct a search for a new superintendent. After meeting with stakeholder groups and gathering input regarding the desirable qualities of a new superintendent, The Cosca Group presented their findings to the Board on December 14th. At that time, the Board made the decision to appoint Mr. Bassett to the position. Mr. Bassett's employment contract will go to the Board for their approval at their next regular Board Meeting on January 18, 2017.

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