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Newport-Mesa Unified School District Announces Recommendation for New Associate Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (N-MUSD) is pleased to announce that Mr. Russell Lee-Sung has been appointed acting associate superintendent and chief academic officer, effective immediately. A recommendation to appoint Mr. Lee-Sung as the permanent associate superintendent and chief academic officer position will be brought to the Board of Education at the August 23 Board Meeting.

Mr. Lee-Sung has more than 30 years of service as an educator and administrator, most recently serving as the associate superintendent, chief human resources officer, responsible for directing all human resource functions for certificated and classified employees at N-MUSD. He has previously served as a teacher, department chair, high school principal, assistant principal of business, activities, and curriculum and instruction, and district administrator in four diverse school districts.

“His history of working in diverse educational settings and his leadership in human resources and business, position Russell exceptionally well-positioned for this role,” said, Superintendent Dr. Fred Navarro. “I am confident that he will continue to bring meaningful insight and leadership to our district in this new capacity,” he said.

As high school principal in the Alhambra and Walnut Valley Unified School District’s, Mr. Lee-Sung’s schools earned two California Title 1 Academic Achievement Awards, a California Distinguished School Award and Exemplary Career Technical Education Award. He is known for being an exceptional communicator, collaborator, innovator and problem solver. These are the same characteristics and skills we are committed to developing in all N-MUSD students. Mr. Lee-Sung also was successful in closing the achievement gap and removing obstacles that increased access to rigorous academic programs, such as advanced placement and international baccalaureate.
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“I am honored to carry out the Board of Education’s vision to inspire and bridge our school community to create the highest quality instruction program in order to prepare all students for college and career success,” said Mr. Russell Lee-Sung.

With the anticipated Board approval of Mr. Lee-Sung’s appointment, N-MUSD will begin the process to fill the assistant superintendent, chief human resources officer position.

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