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LTUSD Hires Dr. Todd Cutler for Superintendent



The Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education is thrilled to announce the hiring of Dr. Todd Cutler to the position of Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Cutler will officially take over for Dr. James Tarwater upon Dr. Tarwater's retirement in June. After a six-month hiring process utilizing the consulting services of Leadership Associates, the LTUSD Board settled on four extremely talented finalists to interview. Though the breadth of experience of the finalists made for a difficult decision, Dr. Cutler stood out as the clear choice for our district, both to the Board and to a panel of key education stakeholders who also interviewed the finalists.

Dr. Cutler is currently the Superintendent of the Winters Joint Unified School District where he has served since July 2015. Winters JUSD serves a diverse student population with nearly 70% low-income, 65% Latino, and 35% English Learners. In 2015 under Dr. Cutler's leadership the District established a new District Vision and set out on a course to improve student performance, prepare students for career and college, increase stakeholder engagement and improve performance of the diverse student population. Winters is now recognized as a tremendous school district success story, largely due to the leadership of Dr. Cutler.

Dr. Cutler began his career in education teaching and coaching at both the middle school and high school levels in Gardnerville, Nevada. He began his school administration career in 1998 and has served in an array of positions. He has been a Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Principal, School Improvement Analyst, Administrative Coach, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent. Along with Winters, Dr. Cutler has served as Superintendent of the Lassen Union High School District and Johnstonville Elementary School District in Susanville, CA.

Dr. Cutler grew up on the southeast shore of Lake Tahoe and attended Zephyr Cove Elementary School, Kingsbury Middle School and is a graduate of George Whittell High School. After high school graduation he attended New Mexico State University where he was an Academic All-American Football player. He received his B.S. degree in Secondary Education from NMSU. Todd went on to earn his Masters in Education Administration from the University of Phoenix, and lastly earned his Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Along with Dr. Cutler's educational and professional experience, he has demonstrated a commitment to be involved with the communities he has lived and worked. Examples include serving as the Mayor of Fernley, Nevada and volunteering as a site director for Inner City Games in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a member of the Susanville Rotary Board, a member of the Rocklin Education Excellence Foundation, and is currently serving as the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Winters and is on the Winters Chamber of Commerce Board.

Todd has a philosophy of collaborative leadership. He understands the importance of engaging all stakeholders in the education process. He is committed to doing what is best for students and has a proven track record of improved student achievement under his service.

Please join the Board and senior staff of LTUSD in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Cutler and his family back to Lake Tahoe. We know he will bring his wealth of knowledge and experience to bear in service of our students and staff.

LTUSD staff and the community are invited to attend a meet-and-greet for Dr. Cutler on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 PM in a Special Board Meeting at the Education Center Board Room. Light refreshments will be served. [Please see the agenda here](#) and click on March 3, 2020 in the right column.

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