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Waterford School District Superintendent Neu Accepts Superintendent Position with Federal Way Public Schools

April 13, 2010 Waterford, Mich. – Robert R. Neu, Waterford School District Superintendent, announced his plans to accept a position as superintendent with Federal Way Public Schools, Federal Way, Washington, effective July 1, 2010. Neu assumed the role of the Waterford School District superintendent in 2007.

Robert Neu stated “Federal Way Public Schools presents an exciting opportunity for me and my family. They are a diverse, high performing, and innovative school district. I am impressed by the passionate and talented staff and the community’s commitment to educational excellence.”

Neu joined the Waterford School District as principal of Waterford Kettering High School in 2002. He served as principal until 2004 when he was named secondary education director for the District. In this role Neu provided leadership in all phases of the daily operation of the District’s middle and high schools and developed a 5-year strategic plan through the North Central Accreditation School Improvement process. Prior to his tenure in the Waterford School District, he served as principal at Lapeer East High School, assistant principal at Traverse City West Senior High School and Boyne City Middle School; and taught business at Plymouth Canton High School.

During his tenure, Neu and his team developed district-wide assessments, aligned the curriculum horizontally and vertically, developed an innovative student data analysis system and increased student academic rigor. The critical component in this work has been the development of the customized student data analysis system that provides teachers and principals with real-time data to effectively guide daily instruction. This system has garnered interest from the Michigan Association of

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School Administrators and Intel, Inc., which featured it in a case study in a national publication. The District has also designed intervention and enrichment core elective classes that assist with differentiating instruction and meeting each student where he/she is at in their academic development.

Neu has been particularly active in Waterford working with community groups such as Waterford Coalition for Youth, Waterford Foundation for Public Education, the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce, and other groups ancillary to the school children in Waterford.

“It has been a pleasure serving the Waterford School District and Waterford community. I am pleased with our gains in student achievement and proud of our ability to protect student programming in the midst of these challenging economic times”, Neu said.

Neu received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Eastern Michigan University; Masters Degree in Secondary School Administration from Central Michigan University; and is his Education Specialist Degree at Oakland University.

“The Waterford Board of Education will involve parents, students, staff, and the community as we move forward to seek a new superintendent for the Waterford School District. This process will allow stakeholders to give their thoughts on the characteristics they feel are most important when looking for a new superintendent,” says John Himmelspach, Waterford Board of Education President.

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