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Trustees Identify Dr. John Bowes as Preferred Finalist for Superintendent

Davis, CA – After an extensive search and interview process, the Board of Trustees has named John Bowes, Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), as the preferred candidate for the next superintendent of Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD).

Three trustees will travel to Southern California on Tuesday, May 31, to meet with Dr. Bowes and his colleagues in Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD). Board President Madhavi Sunder said, “The Board is very pleased with the search process, which identified many strong and diverse candidates. Dr. Bowes is an exceptional candidate who also seems a perfect fit for our community. He has earned accolades from teachers, staff and parents in his home district and shares the DJUSD’s commitment to excellence, inclusion, social justice and equity. He is committed to supporting each child to reach her highest potential. The Board will use the visit to Palos Verdes Peninsula to learn first-hand more about the fine work Dr. Bowes has brought to students and employees.”

Dr. Bowes earned his Ed.D. from UCLA and his B.S. in Finance and Management from Virginia Tech. Currently the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Bowes has previously served in Los Angeles Unified School District in many capacities including the Director of Labor Relations, elementary school principal, and K-2 bilingual teacher. A former Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala, Dr. Bowes is fluent in Spanish.

The visit to Dr. Bowes’ school district will be an important part of affirming the selection. The Board announced earlier this week that its goal is to make a formal announcement and approve a contract at its regular meeting on Thursday, June 2.

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About DJUSD

The Davis Joint Unified School District provides innovative educational programs to approximately 8,500 students more than 16 school sites. In partnership with parents, DJUSD helps each student develop the abilities and values needed to reach their full potential. Each year, an average of 730 students graduate from district high schools. With approximately 1,100 employees, including 440 teachers, DJUSD has an average annual payroll (including salaries and benefits) of $66 million a year, contributing significant economic value to the community. For more information go to www.djusd.net or facebook.com/DavisJointUnifiedSchoolDistrict.