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Seattle Public Schools' Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis, Selected as Tacoma's Interim Superintendent

On July 26, the Tacoma School Board announced its selection of Seattle Public Schools' Chief Financial Officer Arthur O. Jarvis to serve as the interim Superintendent for Tacoma School District. Jarvis came to Seattle Public Schools (SPS) in January 2007 as Chief Financial Officer after having previously served as superintendent for South Whidbey and Enumclaw School Districts. He will start his new position as interim Superintendent for Tacoma School District on August 1st, 2007.

SPS Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson said, "Seattle Public Schools is grateful to Art for his willingness to serve as CFO these last seven months. His seasoned hand and innate kindness will be a gift to Tacoma, as they were to us at Seattle Public Schools."

Jarvis, who was selected Washington State Superintendent of the Year in 2005 by the Washington Association of School Administrators, has served at the Superintendent level for 22 years. He began his career in education as a junior high and high school teacher; served for three years as a special education consultant for Seattle Public Schools; and held the role of Assistant Superintendent in Enumclaw School District for 12 years prior to his appointment as Superintendent of South Whidbey School District. After 11 years as Superintendent at South Whidbey, Jarvis returned to Enumclaw in 1996 as Superintendent and retired from Enumclaw at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

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