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Leadership Appointments at Seattle Public Schools

Seattle Public Schools is pleased to announce two appointments to senior leadership positions: Sherri Bealkowski, Chief Information Officer, and Carol Rava Treat, Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Alliances.

Sherri Bealkowski joined Seattle Public Schools this week as the interim Chief Information Officer. Ms. Bealkowski will report to Don Kennedy, the Chief Financial and Operating Officer. Her principal duties will be to lead the technology services team's efforts to plan and develop strategies that meet the District's growing demands for technology, establish a technology steering committee, lead the District's response to a forthcoming peer review of information technology, and assist in recruiting a permanent Chief Information Officer. Among her team's top priorities is the continued migration of mission critical applications off of the VAX system.

Ms. Bealkowski comes to Seattle Public Schools as a recent retiree from Microsoft Corporation where she was the General Manager for Education Solutions in Emerging Markets for Microsoft. She was responsible for product innovation for personal learning tools based on the Microsoft platform in new markets around the world.

During her 10 year tenure at the company, Bealkowski held a number of positions, including General Manager, Global Accounts Sales for the Americas, Director of Worldwide Sales Business Planning, Chief of Staff for the worldwide Sales, Marketing and Services Group (SMSG) and General Manager for the Education Solutions Group, leading the US education business for Microsoft and developing worldwide education strategies and programs such as Microsoft Partners in Learning. Bealkowski brought more than 17 years of experience in the computer industry when she joined Microsoft, having held positions at IBM Corporation, IPL Systems, Citrix Systems and Palm Beach Community College.

Bealkowski holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Computer Science from Florida Atlantic University. She has a long history of professional and civic participation including the Society of Women Engineers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Women@Microsoft, and many programs targeted toward empowering middle and high school girls to excel in math, science and technology.

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Carol Rava Treat will join Seattle Public Schools March 20 as the Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Alliances. Her primary responsibility will be to provide leadership in the development and adoption of a final strategic plan and ensure fidelity of strategy implementation. Key to that effort will be her work to foster partnerships and alliances in support of the district's goals. Her initial focus will be to work with schools and staff at all levels to assess current partnerships. Rava Treat will lead the district's efforts to develop effective approaches to strengthening existing and creating new strategic alliances and partnerships.

Ms. Rava Treat leaves the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation after eight years. Most recently, as a deputy director in the education division, she oversaw the foundation's grant making in California and Texas. Previously at the foundation she led state and local advocacy efforts across the country, including in Washington state. Rava Treat has also served as primary spokesperson and strategic communications lead for the foundation's education team.

Prior to joining the foundation, Rava Treat worked at the business-funded non-profit, Partnership for Learning, which is committed to raising awareness about education reform in Washington state. In that role she directed a grass-roots strategy focused on communicating about the state's standards and tests in nine communities statewide.

Ms. Rava Treat has a master's degree in education policy from Stanford University and a bachelor's in history and religion from Harvard University.

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