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### **Rob Gannon Appointed Seattle Public Schools Deputy Superintendent**

**SEATTLE** – Seattle Public Schools Interim Superintendent Brent Jones has announced the appointment of Rob Gannon as the district’s deputy superintendent.

Mr. Gannon, who during his career has served in several leadership roles in higher education, began his new position on May 3.

"Rob will ensure that the district’s decision-making about systems, operations, and policy implementation center on the strengths and needs of our students furthest away from educational justice," said Dr. Jones. "He joins SPS with collaboration skills acquired and tested in complex organizations and is known for building strong teams at all levels, leading to impactful contributions for the community. His visionary leadership and ability to galvanize staff toward common goals will be critical as we prepare schools for students and staff this coming fall."

Said Mr. Gannon: "I am honored to be appointed by Superintendent Jones for this critical role. The pandemic has made clear the importance of public schools in our community and in the lives of students. It is more important than ever that we have strong, predictable operations as we implement plans for next school year. I am committed to working in partnership and using a racial equity lens to ensure all students have access to great learning environments and to the supports they need."

Mr. Gannon recently served as general manager for King County Metro. Under his leadership at the agency, Metro was recognized in 2018 as the top transit agency in the U.S.

Prior to joining King County, Mr. Gannon served in several senior positions for the University of Montana, most recently as director of academics, budgets and personnel.

He also served as customer service director at Amazon.com, where he managed operations for several U.S. contact centers.

“The success in my career has been guided by an uncompromising dedication to understanding and acting upon the needs of the people I serve. I am committed to bringing these same values to Seattle Public Schools as I support students, staff, and families,” Mr. Gannon said.

Mr. Gannon earned a B.A. in English and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Montana. He also attended the United States Naval Academy.

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