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Superintendent Handelman Announces Director of Finance & Operations Hire

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Coeur d'Alene, ID – Superintendent Matt Handelman announced this morning that the school district intends to hire Brian Wallace as the district's Director of Finance and Operations. The final step of the hiring process will occur when Mr. Wallace's selection is presented to the School Board at the March Board meeting for final approval.

Superintendent Handelman included representatives from the local business and finance community along with school board members to represent a variety of perspectives on the interviewing team.

Brian Wallace is a native of Idaho, graduating from Wallace High School. He continued his education, earning a Bachelors' degree from University of Idaho with a major in Business Education and then earned a Masters' Degree from California State University in Education Administration.

Brian began his career as a teacher at Hacienda La Puente USD in California. His experience includes working for Glendale Unified School District as Assistant Director of Technology and Information Systems. In 2002, Wallace came back to the region and was hired by East Valley School District as their Technology Director. After seven years, he was promoted to Executive Director of Operations where he provided leadership and oversight for fiscal services and operational departments.

In the summer of 2013, Mr. Wallace accepted the position at Washougal School District in Washington as their Business Services Manager where he is currently responsible for all fiscal service, student transportation, nutrition/food services, and facility departments.

"Mr. Wallace has come to us highly recommended from his current and past employers and his vast experience in school district finance and operations will be valuable for our district and our community," stated Superintendent Matt Handelman. "I am very pleased we have found such a high caliber executive to join our team."

Wallace's first official day with our school district will be May 4, 2015. He intends to get a head start on meeting people in our community and learning the processes of our district by periodically engaging with the district during the next few months of transition.

Brian currently lives in Rathdrum where he serves as a Board Member on the Lakeland School District.