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TO: AGUA FRIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT DATE: MARCH 31, 2021
FROM: VICKIE LANDIS, GOVERNING BOARD PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: NEW SUPERINTENDENT – MARK YSLAS

On behalf of the Governing Board, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Yslas (pronounced ee-slas) will join the Agua Fria Union High School District as our next Superintendent. At our Board meeting this evening, we approved his employment contract. Mr. Yslas will begin July 1, 2021, following the retirement of Dr. Dennis Runyan.

Mr. Yslas joins AFUHSD from the Alhambra Elementary School District, where he has served as its Superintendent since 2015. A career educator, he brings his expertise in building strong coalitions and partnerships between schools, businesses and government entities, as well as a proven ability to implement change and transform and grow the District.

The Governing Board identified and agreed to key objectives that were of importance when searching for our next Superintendent. Among those objectives were:

1. Serve the academic needs of all students and expanded learning opportunities.
2. Commit to effective communication protocols (internal and external).
3. Implement a district strategic plan.
4. Engage with the community with clear and concise communication.
5. Collaborate with Governing Board.

Mr. Yslas is committed to fulfilling these important objectives.

Dr. Runyan, who has been our superintendent for 12 years, will be with us through June 30.

In speaking with Mr. Yslas, he relayed “AFUHSD is a growing and engaged community and I am honored to join this well-respected and well-governed District. I look forward to working with the Board, our professional and support staff, our students, parents and the larger school community to achieve the best results for our District. And I want to congratulate Dr. Runyan on his successful career and wish him well on his retirement.”

Please join the Governing Board in welcoming Mr. Mark Yslas to the Agua Fria Union High School District.