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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Cabinet Champion: Dr. Dominique Moore, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Date: January 27, 2026
Re: Interim Principal, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center

The selection process for the Interim Principal at Thurgood Marshall Learning Center resulted in a pool of four (4) qualified candidates. All candidates were screened and invited to participate in the interview process. The process included an initial screening, a task presentation, an in-person panel interview, and a writing assessment. Following these steps, two candidates were advanced to final interviews with the Superintendent. Mr. Mario Sherrell emerged as the candidate of choice and is recommended for appointment as Interim Principal of Thurgood Marshall Learning Center.

Mr. Sherrell brings over ten (10) years of educational leadership experience, having served in roles including Superintendent, Executive Director, Principal, and Assistant Principal. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry and a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership. Throughout his career, Mr. Sherrell has demonstrated a strong record of stabilizing systems, strengthening school culture, and improving scholar outcomes. His experience includes leadership in alternative education settings, as well as advanced training in trauma-informed practices.

Mr. Sherrell's references speak highly of his leadership, describing him as a catalyst for improvement in scholar attendance, scholar engagement, and the implementation of trauma-informed practices. He is consistently described as a leader of integrity and commitment with a strong community presence. References further characterize him as collaborative and visionary, with a clear focus on scholar learning and the development of teacher capacity. Additionally, he is regarded as professional, passionate, and highly skilled in navigating the complex needs of diverse scholars. Former supervisors describe Mr. Sherrell as transparent, trustworthy, and effective in engaging all stakeholders in the shared work of supporting scholar growth. Overall, he is viewed as a significant asset to any school district.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Mario Sherrell to the position of Interim Principal at Thurgood Marshall Learning Center for the remainder of the 2025–2026 school year at a salary of \$159,490 prorated to his start date.

Investment Period: February 2026- June 30, 2026
Total Investment: \$159,490
Funding Source: District Funds