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**Darren Nelson to serve as an Assistant Superintendent of NEWESD 101 (effective July 1, 2023)**



SPOKANE, WA – Completing its search for an Assistant Superintendent, NorthEast Washington Educational Service District (NEWESD) 101 is pleased to announce that Mr. Darren Nelson has been selected to lead Student Learning & Support Services effective on July 1, 2023. Current Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Mick Miller, will retire and complete his term on June 30, 2023.

“Using a rigorous process, a selection committee, comprised of NEWESD 101’s administrative and department leads, interviewed eight exceptional candidates for the Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning & Support Services position,” says Superintendent Robert Roettger. “Three finalists were invited back to share a presentation and participate in a second interview.”

“Darren possesses extensive educational administrative experience and is a visionary leader. He will do a phenomenal job of supporting our agency staff members as well as the schools and students we serve across our seven-county region,” Roettger adds.

Nelson has served as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, building-level administrator and district administrator during his 27-year career in public education. Currently, Nelson serves as the director of Secondary Education in the Mead School District; a position he has held for the past two school years. Previous to this position, he served as principal of Mt. Spokane High School, from 2012 to 2021.

“I am extremely excited to join the team at NEWESD 101 this upcoming summer,” says Nelson. “As serving the diverse needs of communities throughout our region is a unique opportunity, building genuine relationships will be my first priority. I can’t wait to get to work!”

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NEWESD 101 promotes educational excellence by delivering essential, cooperative services to schools and other learning communities across northeast Washington including Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties. Now entering its 54<sup>th</sup> year of operation, NEWESD 101 is the state’s largest ESD in the number of districts served, counties served, and geographic region served.

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