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EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT OFFICER ASSIGNED TO ENHANCE OPERATIONS OFFICE

Los Angeles Unified School Superintendent Roy Romer announced the appointment of Renee Jackson as Executive Management Officer to work directly with the Chief Operating Officer (COO), Tim Buresh. Ms. Jackson will establish a performance enhancement team that will review District operations at all levels to decrease costs and improve productivity. Areas to be examined include procurement and business services, information and technology, risk management, school safety, human resources, District interaction with the Personnel Commission, accounting and finance, local district offices and school operations.

Ms. Jackson, formerly District Superintendent of Local District G in South Los Angeles, brings with her 32 years of experience in the LAUSD from the instructional side. She exhibited strong skills as a manager of her local district and prior to that as the supervisor of nine clusters. Ms. Jackson started with the District as an elementary teacher at 118th St. Elementary School and eventually became principal at Woodcrest and then King Elementary schools. She was also a Staff Relations Coordinator, which further developed her skills working with personnel and the business needs of the District.

"The appointment of Ms. Jackson to this post provides much-needed resources to mesh the business and instructional side of the District and establishes assistance in an area that is stretched too thin," said Superintendent Romer.

"The District must handle hard choices in the coming months in order to live within a shrinking budget, while continuing to grow at a rapid rate," said Chief Operating Officer Buresh. "We cannot afford to let any of these conditions curtail our rapid rate of academic achievement. Ms. Jackson's team is empowered to examine any aspect of our business, and my office will ensure that the recommendations that her team develop will be implemented.

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“I am looking forward to this opportunity to work inside the Operations office to merge my school-based experience with my business operations background to improve the overall efficiency of the District,” said Renee Jackson. “This comes at a very critical time when every bit of operational intelligence we employ can make a difference in reaching our core mission to improve academic achievement.”

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