

**Liberty School District Board of Directors
Announcement of New Superintendent/K-8 Principal
March 13, 2019**

Finding a successor for Kyle Rydell, who has served the Liberty School District as Superintendent/K-8 Principal with distinction and genuine success for the past five years, has entailed a comprehensive process, and has included the involvement of our staff, parents, community members and other district stakeholders. We are appreciative of the time and sincerity everyone involved has given to this important decision.

From a strong pool of candidates, and from four highly qualified finalists for the position, we are pleased to announce the selection of Brett D. Baum as our new superintendent and K-8 principal. Mr. Baum comes to Liberty from the Okanogan School District where he has served as the middle school principal, and prior to that was a teacher and coach – first in Oregon and then in Othello. A graduate of Eastern Washington University (bachelors and masters degrees), he has earned his superintendent certification through City University.

As we acknowledge how very much Mr. Rydell will be missed, we know that he is leaving a very strong foundation on which Mr. Baum will build. Proud of our past, we are also excited about our vibrant future as we are committed to educational excellence for all Liberty students.