



*Our students will lead and shape the future*

## News release

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### ***Dr. Peter Scott to succeed Dr. Tony Byrd as Associate Superintendent*** *Scott, now Assistant Superintendent, will step into new role on July 1, 2016*

Since 2012, Peter Scott has served as Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, supporting schools in the district's south region. That includes Jackson High School and the middle and elementary schools whose students transition into JHS. He has also supported the alternative learning programs at Sequoia High School, Online High School and Port Gardner Parent Partnership located in Everett.

On July 1, he will have broader, district-wide responsibilities as Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Special Programs. His work will support high school graduation, K-12 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, operational technology, special education, early learning, K-12 curriculum and district, state and federal testing.

"Peter's experience and depth of understanding of schools made him the ideal choice for this position," affirms Superintendent Gary Cohn who today announced Scott's appointment, effective July 1. "Peter's leadership of schools has been exemplary. He builds leaders and leader teams focused on student learning. He connects deeply and openly with community, parents and students."

About this new position, Scott says, "I am honored and thrilled to take on this new role, with the opportunities and challenges it offers. As a leader in a learning organization like Everett Public Schools, it is a dream to be working alongside high quality people on the future-focused aspects of our strategic plan.

"There are so many exciting things afoot in our system – from the prospects contained in the bond and capital levy around transformational uses of technology, to the STEM advancements well underway, to the highly recognized early learning efforts. As an educator and parent of two district students and one preschooler (classes of 2025, '28, and '32), it is a great time to be in this field, and I am particularly grateful for the opportunity."

Scott began working in Everett Public Schools in 2006. He served as assistant principal at Evergreen Middle School and then principal at Gateway Middle School. Both schools are multi-year Washington Achievement Award winners.

In his district-level work, Scott has facilitated the Superintendent's Equity & Access Advisory Council and was instrumental in developing a Natural Leaders program in district schools. As Scott explains, "The Council's work plan focuses on developing intercultural competencies; strengthening culturally-relevant communications; deepening family and community engagement; investing in student advocacy; diversifying our workforce; and eliminating achievement and opportunity gaps."

"Peter brings people together," notes Cohn. "He is a leader of leaders and a teacher and mentor for all who have the opportunity to work with him."

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*Dr. Peter Scott to be Associate Superintendent as of July 1, 2016*

Scott began his career through the Teach For America program and taught middle school special education and mathematics in the Oakland (CA) and Boston (MA) Public Schools. He earned a BA in Sociology from the University of California at Davis, a Masters in Education from Harvard University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Washington.

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