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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: April 14, 2026
Re: Principal, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center

The selection process for the Principal at Thurgood Marshall Learning Center resulted in a pool of three (3) 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 and the Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Mario Sherrell is recommended for appointment as Principal of Thurgood Marshall Learning Center.

Mr. Sherrell was selected to serve as Interim Principal of Thurgood Marshall Learning Center in January of 2026. During his time as Interim Principal, Mr. Sherrell has focused on stabilizing building operations, strengthening staff cohesion, and reinforcing clear expectations for scholars. He has worked to improve daily attendance practices, increase scholar engagement, and implement consistent, trauma-informed approaches to student support. Additionally, he has prioritized relationship-building with staff, scholars, and families, helping to foster a more positive and structured school climate.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sherrell has demonstrated a strong record of stabilizing systems, strengthening school culture, and improving scholar outcomes. His experience includes leading at the district and school levels, including leadership in alternative education settings, as well as advanced training in trauma-informed practices. Former supervisors note his professionalism, transparency, and ability to effectively engage stakeholders. Overall, he is regarded as a strong asset to any school district.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Mario Sherrell to the position of Principal at Thurgood Marshall Learning Center for the 2026–2027 school year at a salary of \$159,490.

Investment Period: 2026 - 2027
Total Investment: \$159,490
Funding Source: District Funds