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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. Brett Geithman Appointed as New MBUSD Executive Director of Human Resources

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Dr. Brett Geithman was unanimously appointed as the new Executive Director of Human Resources for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District at the Board Meeting on May 15, 2013. He will begin on July 1, 2013.

Dr. Geithman's teaching experience spans from elementary school to alternative high school to graduate school. He served as an Assistant Principal in the Los Alamitos Unified School District and since 2008, as the Principal of the highly acclaimed Alvarado Elementary School in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Dr. Geithman earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at California State University, Chico, and his Master of Arts in Educational Administration at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). He completed his Doctorate in K-12 Leadership at the University of Southern California. As a current Educational Leadership Faculty Fellow in the doctoral program at CSULB, Dr. Geithman develops course curriculum for doctoral students, conducts research, and authors articles in the area of educational leadership.

When asked about the new position, Dr. Geithman replied, "I'm greatly honored and excited to be a part of the MBUSD team. MBUSD represents excellence, and I am deeply committed to upholding the District and community's high expectations for advancing student achievement by recruiting, guiding, supporting, and retaining the very best in education."

The Executive Director of Human Resources position was posted in March and closed in April. Dr. Geithman was one of five candidates selected to interview before a committee of administrators and teachers. He emerged as one of two finalists interviewed by the Superintendent and other District leadership.

"We had several outstanding candidates for this position," stated Dr. Michael Matthews, Superintendent. "Dr. Geithman impressed me as a strong leader, as a colleague who will work extraordinarily well with all employees, and as an executive who has the organizational and technical skills required to be highly successful in this position. In addition, he is an outstanding instructional leader. With a District leadership team as lean as ours, it is essential that every leader be an instructional leader."

The Executive Director of Human Resources position has been vacant since Kathy Hall retired on December 31, 2012. Patti Jaffe, former Superintendent of Culver City Unified School District, has been serving as the Interim Director since January 1, 2013.

ABOUT THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) ranks as the fourth highest performing unified school district in the State of California with a 2012 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) of 936. MBUSD serves nearly 7,000 students from preschool to twelfth grade at eight school campuses—one preschool, five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Mira Costa High School's API of 912 places it in the top 1.5% of public, comprehensive high schools in California. Four MBUSD schools were recently honored as California Distinguished Schools: Mira Costa High School (2011), Manhattan Beach Middle School (2009), Grand View Elementary (2010), and Pacific Elementary (2010). In 2012, Grand View Elementary was named a National Green Ribbon School joining just 77 other schools in the United States to receive this award. Robinson Elementary School was invited to apply for National Blue Ribbon School status in 2013. In addition to outstanding students and excellent teachers, MBUSD is extremely fortunate to have a high level of parental involvement in the schools and very strong partnerships with community partners such as the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation, MBX—Beyond the Classroom, the City of Manhattan Beach, Chevron, Continental Development, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, and other local organizations and businesses. More information about MBUSD is available at www.mbusd.org.