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ACS WASC PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Press Release

Burlingame, CA, January 29, 2018 — The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges announced Monday, January 29, 2018, that they had named Dr. Barry Groves as the next President of ACS WASC. Dr. Groves will serve part time as President-Elect until he formally takes over for retiring President Dr. Fred Van Leuven on July 1, 2018. The Commission desired a five-month transition period to ensure a smooth, seamless transition.



Mr. Stephen Cathers, ACS WASC Commission Chairperson said “Dr. Groves is uniquely qualified to lead the organization. His record of educational leadership is outstanding and he has extensive accreditation experience. The Commission is confident that he will lead the organization forward.”

Dr. Groves was a successful Superintendent of Schools for 23 years. He holds Doctorate and Master’s degrees in Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University. He also earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in Education from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Dr. Groves has a long history of voluntary service with ACS WASC. He has represented the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) for two terms on the ACS WASC Commission. He has also chaired many ACS WASC accrediting committees visiting public, private, charter, faith-based, and International schools in California, Hawaii, Japan, Cambodia, Vietnam, Israel and China. According to Dr. Groves, “I have great respect for the Commission and its work. I am honored to be its president and work with the membership to improve the education of children in California, Hawaii and the Pacific Rim.”

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) is a world-renowned accrediting association and one of the six regional accrediting agencies in the United States. ACS WASC extends its services worldwide to over 5,000 public, private, independent, church-related, and proprietary pre-K–12 schools, especially to schools in California, Hawaii, Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

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