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**Nine Mile Falls Superintendent  
Brian Talbott Elected WASA President-Elect**

***Talbott to Lead Statewide Professional Association for School Administrators***

**OLYMPIA**—The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) is pleased to announce that members have elected Brian Talbott, Superintendent of Nine Mile Falls School District, as WASA President-elect for 2019–20. Talbott will assume the presidency in July 2020, following the term of the current president, Krestin Bahr, Superintendent of Eatonville School District.

Talbott has been an active member of WASA since 2000 and served in a variety of association positions, including Superintendent Component Chair; WASA Board of Directors; WASA Legislative and Finance Committee; WASA Representative to the Eastern Washington University PEAB; NEWASA 101 Region President; and NEWASA 101 Region Executive Board member.

"For many years, Brian Talbott has provided superb leadership as Superintendent of the White Pass and Nine Mile Falls School Districts. While Brian consistently exhibits many outstanding qualities in his work, his unwavering commitment to doing what is best and right for students is what defines him as a school leader," said Joel Aune, Executive Director of WASA. "Brian's sustained success as a superintendent has earned him the respect of the Nine Mile Falls community, as well as WASA members across the entire state. He has been actively involved with WASA during his time as superintendent, serving the association and the membership in a variety of roles. I have no doubt his dedication to WASA, and sincere devotion to the organization, will be fully evident during his time as president," he said.

"Brian's authentic leadership style will serve the organization and our membership in the best possible fashion," added Aune. "We congratulate Brian, and look forward to working with him as he assumes the role of WASA President."

"I am both humbled and honored to have been elected by my colleagues and mentors across the state. WASA continues to provide school leaders with outstanding services; I hope to contribute to the legacy that has been established," said Brian Talbott. "Additionally, I wish to thank the WASA staff for their ongoing support. I look forward to joining their team along with Krestin Bahr, Randy Russell, and the WASA Board."

As WASA president, Talbott's goals are to:

- Seek unity amongst WASA members and other educational organizations to collectively advocate on behalf of each student regardless of zip code;
- Unabashedly champion for our public schools and their leaders;
- Proudly support WASA leadership and staff as they provide essential services; and
- Authentically model servant leadership to WASA and its membership.

Talbott received his superintendent credentials from Seattle Pacific University; a Master of Arts of Education in Educational Leadership from Eastern Washington University; and a Bachelor of Arts in Language Arts and a Minor in Physical Education from Eastern Washington University.

Prior to his work in Nine Mile Falls, Talbott worked in the White Pass School District where he served as superintendent, high school principal, and teacher.

### **About the Washington Association of School Administrators**

*The Washington Association of School Administrators (<http://www.wasa-oly.org>) is committed to the development of quality education through professional leadership. Members benefit from a supportive community of professional leaders working to provide insightful and valuable training, support, and resources to education leaders, and to sustain a positive impact on legislative and community leaders. With more than 1,600 members, membership is open to all education administrators in central office, building management, and educational agency positions. A not-for-profit organization, WASA is funded by membership dues and association events.*

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