APS Welcomes Superintendent Munn

Rico Munn joined Aurora Public Schools as superintendent on July 1. He brings a wide range of experiences to APS, having worked in law and educational policy in Colorado.

Munn’s main priority is to increase achievement for all students. In his first month, Munn will meet with staff, parents, students and community members to prepare for the first day of school, which is Aug. 6 for most students. During his first quarter in APS, Munn’s priority will be to gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges in the district. He will visit as many schools and support sites as possible to continue to build relationships with students and staff.

“I am honored to serve as the Aurora Public Schools superintendent. As an APS parent who has deep roots in the Aurora community, I look forward to having a positive impact on teaching and learning for all of our students. APS has dedicated teachers, leaders and support staff who have created many innovative initiatives. My goal is to build on our strengths and overcome any challenges that interfere with student achievement.”

- Superintendent Rico Munn

Munn was a litigation partner at Baker and Hostetler, LLP, and an adjunct professor of law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Munn also serves on the 15-member Board of Governors for the Colorado State University System, appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper. He was a member of Gov. Bill Ritter’s cabinet as executive director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies from 2007-09 and then executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education from 2009-11. Munn served on the Colorado State Board of Education from 2003-07. Munn also has an undergraduate degree and teaching experience in secondary education.

“My background influences what skills I bring to the table as superintendent,” Munn said. “Ultimately, a law degree is a graduate degree in problem solving. I have dealt with a wide variety of people and situations — from financing, to construction, to education, to crisis management and to working with refugee populations. These experiences will be helpful as superintendent of the sixth largest school district in the state.”

Superintendent Munn, welcome to Aurora Public Schools!