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## Griffin Technology Academies Announces Acting Superintendent

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Vallejo, CA - Griffin Technology Academies' (GTA) Board of Directors announced its Acting Superintendent at its March Board meeting with a unanimous vote elevating Mr. Nick Driver to the position. Mr. Driver began serving as Acting Superintendent March 9, 2022.

Mr. Driver joins GTA after having served the charter public school community for the past 18 years, including supporting GTA schools and past leadership teams over the years. As a founding staff member at the California Charter Schools Association, he supported GTA and its schools beginning in 2003, and witnessed them growing and educating a generation of successful students.

After being appointed as Acting Superintendent, Mr. Driver stated, "I am honored to be provided this opportunity to serve the students, families and staff at Griffin Technology Academies. I hope to be able to make an impact on student lives by encouraging staff, family and students to bring forward their suggestions for improvement. Everyone at GTA is a lifelong learner. To continue to stand out as a strong school community, management and staff are looking at ways to evolve GTA and its mission, so we can best meet the needs of today's students."

He went on to say: "I am so impressed with the passion and the commitment to excellence that GTA families, students and educators have shown. My goal is to build on the many successes GTA has had over the years, and rebuild trusting relationships between students, families, staff, and the Vallejo community at large. Our value to the community is both our collective district identity AND the individual successes of our students."

"I am excited about the changes that Mr. Driver has brought over the first month since we appointed him. His leadership skills and experience in charter schools is helping GTA continue to realize its promise as schools of excellence in Vallejo" said Board Chair Debbie Lamb.

Mr. Driver holds a B.A. in Asian Studies from University of California at Berkeley. He has worked as a charter school executive director and serves on multiple school boards in Richmond, Oakland and San Francisco. Before entering education, he spent 14 years in China, including as a reporter covering human rights and politics.

## About Griffin Technology Academies

*Griffin Technology Academies is a family of exceptional charter middle and high schools dedicated to helping every one of our diverse, primarily low-income students make transformative growth in academic achievement, self-understanding and self-management, career preparation, and active citizenship. Founded in 1999, GTA schools now serve over 1,300 students (growing to 1,900 by 2023) and have proven that all students can excel, given high expectations and high levels of support in an inclusive and equitable environment.*