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## **Press Release**

*For Immediate Release*

### **MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERINTENDENT** ***Dr. Steven Hirase Named Ninth Superintendent of Murray Utah School District***

*April 14, 2011, Murray, UT* – The Murray Board of Education named their selection for new superintendent of the Murray City School District at last night’s monthly Board of Education Meeting. Dr. Steven Hirase has accepted the Superintendent assignment and will begin his duties July 1, 2011.

Dr. Hirase has been an educator for 32 years, 24 of which have been in the Murray City School District. He was hired in 1987 as principal of Grant Elementary School, and after 4 years there, he was appointed Director of Special Education, a position he held for seven years. Upon the appointment of Richard R. Tranter to the position of district superintendent, Dr. Hirase was named Assistant Superintendent over Curriculum and instruction, and has held this position for the past 13 years.

*“Steve has been a great asset to the Murray District for many years,” said Murray Board of Education President Darrell Pehrson. “He has an impressive vision of where we need to go in the future, and we are excited to have him as our next superintendent.”*

Dr. Hirase is married to educator Sue Hirase, and they are the parents of four children. He replaces Murray Schools Superintendent Richard R. Tranter, who announced his retirement in February, effective July 31, 2011. Prior to being named superintendent in 1998, Tranter was Murray District Director of Personnel and Student Services, principal at Murray High School, principal at Viewmont Elementary School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Longview Elementary School (all Murray schools), teacher in the Alpine School District, and student in the Murray City School District, grades K-12. He has been employed by the Murray City School District for 33 years.

*Board of Education member Mitzi Huff commented, “It was a difficult task to find someone to replace our current superintendent, Richard Tranter. He is the complete package ... outstanding leadership skills, an impressive educator background, with a kind and caring personality. He will be truly missed.”*

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society.

Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District;  
 Darrell Pehrson is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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