

Office of the Maricopa County  
**School Superintendent**  
*Steve Watson*

**Superintendent Watson Appoints William Parker to Gilbert School District  
Governing Board**

Friday, July 30, 2021

Contact: Tim Sifert 602-463-0041  
tim.sifert@maricopa.gov

(Phoenix, AZ) –Maricopa County School Superintendent Steve Watson has appointed William H. Parker to the Gilbert School District Governing Board.

Watson’s appointment fills a vacancy that occurred after the resignation of Reed Carr in June. Carr was first elected in 2016 and re-elected in 2020. Twenty Gilbert residents applied for the position.

“I am excited to see so much interest in local education leadership, and it was a tough decision with so many able and wonderful applicants. Mr. Parker is not just a teacher, but a proven leader who cares deeply about the district and has a strong background in public finance.”

Parker is a former U.S. Marine Logistics Officer with a 20 year career, and served as an analyst with the Secretary of Defense Inspector General’s office in Washington, D.C. His children attended Gilbert district schools. Parker taught for 15 years at Apache Junction High School, and served the Arizona Auditor General as a state agency Performance Auditor.

“Our family moved to Gilbert 21 years ago following my retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps. My wife and I sincerely appreciate the education our children received from GPS. That educational background enabled our children to successfully complete college degrees and receive academic scholarships for their university programs. I am certain we can provide opportunities like this to all students.”

###

*For more information on the governing board appointment process, contact Shane Wikfors at (602) 885-0499.*