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## Helena diocese names new superintendent of schools

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### **F**ormer director Haggarty taking Seattle job

The Diocese of Helena has named Timothy Uhl superintendent of Catholic schools to replace Pat Haggarty, who has accepted a position in Seattle.

Uhl is also being appointed superintendent for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, thus serving all Catholic schools in Montana beginning August.

As superintendent in the Helena Diocese, Uhl will oversee four diocesan elementary schools and two diocesan high schools as well as serving as a resource to private Catholic schools.

Uhl hold a Ph.D. from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Seattle Pacific University. He comes to the diocese from Holy Rosary Regional School in Tacoma, Wash., where he began as principal in 2010. From 2006 to 2010 he was principal at Catholic High School in New Iberia, La., and from 2001 to 2006, was assistant principal at Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle.

Haggarty, who served as superintendent of Catholic schools in the Helena diocese since 2002, has been appointed as superintendent of the archdiocesan office for Catholic schools in Seattle.

He will oversee 58 archdiocesan elementary schools and five archdiocesan high schools as well as serving as a resource to five private Catholic elementary schools and six private Catholic high schools. Together these schools serve more than 22,000 students throughout western Washington.

Haggarty was the superintendent who fired Butte Central middle school teacher Shaela Evenson after she became pregnant out of wedlock. Evenson is in the early stages of a lawsuit against the diocese for unlawful discrimination.

Haggarty served as superintendent of Helena Catholic schools for eight years beginning in 2002 and became superintendent of all Montana Catholic schools in 2010. His local ties include teaching sixth- and seventh-grade social studies at Seattle's St. Anne Catholic School from 1988 to 1990.