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G-PISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos officially names Coach Brent Davis to lead G-P's Athletic Program

Gregory-Portland ISD's athletic program will soon be under new leadership, as Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos has officially named Brent Davis the district's next Athletic Director/Head Football Coach. Davis will return to the Coastal Bend from his current home in West Texas, where he is the San Angelo Central Bobcats' all-time, most-winning Head Football Coach/Athletic Coordinator in the school's history.

When Davis first arrived in San Angelo 12 years ago, the Bobcats were on a 0-13 losing streak. Since that year, Davis effectively turned the team around and led the Bobcats to six (6) District Championships, eight (8) Bi-District Championships, and three (3) Area Championships. In 2011, the San Angelo Bobcats became outright District Champions with a 9-3 season for the first time in 48 years. Davis was selected All West Texas Coach of the Year in 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

This will not be the first time Davis will appear on the South Texas sidelines. He has been coaching for 34 years, including 26 years as a Head Football Coach with an overall coaching record of 196-103-1. His early career included coaching football, basketball, and track, and he has served school districts in El Campo, Fort Bend Kempner, Crowley, Cuero, Banquete, Sinton, Alice, and Lewisville.

In 1993, he was an Assistant Coach when the Cuero Gobblers competed for the 3A State Championship, and in 1995, he became the Head Coach who led the Banquete Bulldogs to their first playoff appearance in 23 years. Davis was named South Texas Coach of the Year in 1996, and earned the title once again after leading the 3A Sinton Pirates to compete in the 2001 State Championship following a four-year, 43-9 record. In 2002, Davis took his 5A Lewisville team, The Colony, to the playoffs for the first time in five years. Then in 2008, he led the 4A Alice Coyotes to their first undefeated District Championship in 23 years.

"We could not be more excited to welcome Coach Brent Davis to the G-P Family," said Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos. "While his coaching record is exceptional, I am even more delighted that the foundation beneath all those winning records is an impeccable reputation that precedes him. Coach Davis is well known for operating with a high degree of integrity and professionalism centered on collaborative leadership that inspires and motivates his student athletes. He's built lasting relationships all across the state, most notably with the students he coached in the past who benefited from his example, expectations, and authenticity.

"G-PISD received significant interest in this position, with over 60 applications submitted. It was a challenge to narrow the list to six finalists, and then an even greater challenge for our internal interview panel to weigh-in on recommending the next leader for our athletic program. Before the interviews, I met with our coaching staff about their vision for the future. The district also released a survey to our current student athletes, as well as the parents and families of those athletes, a few weeks ago. The collective survey feedback was used to create the profile of who we were looking for to lead G-P into the future as the next Athletic Director, and it served as a guiding factor in making this decision.

"Ultimately, with so many outstanding candidates who are exceptional leaders and winning coaches, the announcement to hire Coach Brent Davis comes not based solely on record wins or the comparison of one exceptional leader's statistics compared to another. Rather, it came down to who was the right person for this place, at this time, for these students, and I'm confident we've found that leader in Coach Davis. I look forward to working with him, and all of our students and stakeholders, to write the next chapter of G-P history together."

The Board of Trustees will vote to ratify this hire on Monday, January 25th, at their regular board meeting.

MEDIA INVITATION – PRESS CONFERENCE: G-PISD will host a press conference for media with Dr. Cavazos and Coach Davis on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the G-P Training Center (1200 Broadway Blvd. next to East Cliff Elementary School). Due to safety protocols in place, **public attendance will *not* be allowed.** however the G-P community can watch the live stream on the district's Facebook page. ##