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Monica Waggoner hired to serve as G-P High School Principal

Gregory-Portland ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos announced today that current Gregory-Portland High School Assistant Principal, Monica Waggoner, will serve as the next Principal for students, families, and staff at the campus. This announcement follows the promotion of Dr. Michael Norris to serve as the district's Executive Director for School Leadership and Accountability effective July 1, 2023.

"I am absolutely thrilled to accept this position," said Waggoner. "With the incredible momentum that our school leadership has already established, I'm eager to build upon this foundation and help take G-PHS to new heights beginning next school year." Waggoner said that her main priority will be to continue the development of systematic communication among all stakeholders, while ensuring full-circle feedback contributes to the infusion of "fresh, innovative ideas" embraced to fulfill the mission of G-PISD at the campus: *To educate, inspire, and empower all students to succeed in life and become the next generation of leaders.*

Waggoner will report to Dr. Norris as he transitions from the role of Principal to take the helm of school leadership and accountability for G-PISD. "As the exiting high school principal, I first want to extend my congratulations to (Waggoner) in her new role," he said. "I have found her to be highly qualified and dedicated to the success of all students. Her experience in education combined with her passion for teaching and learning makes her a strong leader and a great asset to G-PISD. I am confident that she will bring a fresh perspective and innovated ideas to the school, and have no doubt that she will make a positive impact on the school community."

Dr. Cavazos agreed, stating that the interview panel used the G-P High School Principal Profile developed from survey feedback as a guide. "I am grateful that we have been able to quickly find and hire an exceptional leader to serve our G-PHS students and families, and one who fits the profile created based on their feedback.

"(Waggoner) is devoted to building and sustaining a positive campus environment tied to our Learner-Centered Culture, and has worked with Dr. Norris as a valuable member of the outstanding campus team that has made great progress for students in recent years. Together with her fellow school principals and the continued support of Dr. Norris in his new role, G-P High School is set for long-term success. We could not be more pleased for our students, teachers, staff, families, and community."

Prior to serving at G-P High School beginning in 2022, Waggoner served as both a secondary and elementary Assistant Principal at Aransas County ISD located in Rockport-Fulton, Texas, for 8 years. She is a former English and Science teacher, and began her career in education at the same district. Waggoner earned a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Among notable achievements and contributions in her field, Waggoner has developed curriculum design and theory; initiated and driven comprehensive assessment models based on instructional data; generated systems for campus efficiency and effectiveness; created campus-wide professional development workshops and courses including contributions to the South Texas Curriculum Consortium, T-TESS, Fundamental 5, Love and Logic, etc.; and she has served as a curriculum, gifted and talented, UIL, and state assessment coordinator.

Waggoner said her intention is to build culture through integrity, trust, system alignment, clear expectations, consistency, and collaboration. "I could not be more excited to continue my educational career as Principal of G-P High School, with the ultimate goal of fulfilling our district and campus goals together for the benefit of our most valuable resources and our greatest gifts: *Our Wildcats!*

"I want to thank our district administration, school board, and my fellow campus leaders, teachers, and staff, for their incredible support as I move into this new role and as we continue this journey to educate, inspire, and empower together."

Waggoner will assume the position of G-P High School Principal as of July 1, 2023. *The G-PHS Principal Profile, developed from stakeholder feedback, is posted at www.g-pisd.org/HSprincipal. ##*