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**Tycee Sanchez hired to serve as
S.F. Austin Elementary School Principal**

Gregory-Portland ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos has hired Tycee Sanchez to serve as S.F. Austin Elementary School Principal. Sanchez previously served as the school’s Assistant Principal and will now oversee academic progress and success for more than 500 young Wildcats and 85 teachers and staff. She will report to Dr. Michael Norris, G-PISD’s Executive Director of School Leadership and Accountability, who serves the district in direct collaboration and alignment with Dr. Cavazos.

“I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to continue my journey within (this) school community,” said Sanchez. “I would like to express my gratitude for the trust and confidence that Dr. Cavazos and Dr. Norris have placed in me by offering this opportunity. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as an Assistant Principal at SFA, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience working alongside a dedicated team of educators and staff. I’ve witnessed firsthand the unwavering commitment of our school community towards providing an exceptional education and nurturing environment for our students.

“As I step into this new role, I am fully aware of the challenges and responsibilities that lie ahead. However, I am eager to embrace them with enthusiasm, dedication, and a deep sense of purpose. I firmly believe in the power of education to transform lives and am committed to ensuring that every student at SFA receives the highest quality education, while also feeling valued, supported, and inspired.”

Cavazos said the decision to promote Sanchez was well-received by teachers and staff. “I joined them for a faculty meeting to announce this decision, which directly impacts them and their students – and the excitement in the room only confirmed that this was the right decision for the SFA school community. Mrs. Sanchez has excelled as an Assistant Principal and will now provide the right leadership at the right time for our students, families, staff, and community.”

In addition to being the right candidate for this position, Cavazos said the promotion of Sanchez was aligned with the district’s focus on hiring leaders from within the organization. “It’s important that we grow our own leaders, as much as possible, and provide them with ample opportunities to serve G-PISD,” she said. “This is just one way we can give back to those who give so much to our students, and in this case, Sanchez is not only a homegrown leader – she’s the most qualified and knowledgeable of the specific strengths and opportunities for the SFA community. We congratulate Mrs. Sanchez and thank her for accepting this position of service.”

Norris also extended his congratulations and said Sanchez would be reaching out to her SFA school community to gather feedback from students, families, staff, and residents regarding what they would like to see in the next chapter of growth and progress for the school. “(Sanchez) is a fantastic leader and the absolute right culture fit for our students and community,” he said. “I have every confidence that she will continue to lead with care, compassion, and a central focus on academic success.”

Prior to serving as SFA Assistant Principal beginning in 2020, Sanchez was a School Counselor for seven years and served in that capacity in Sinton ISD and then G-PISD. As a Counselor, she supported SFA and East Cliff Elementary. She was a middle school science teacher and elementary Physical Education (P.E.) coach prior to her work as a counselor.

Sanchez earned a Master of Science in School Counseling from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the same institution. She also earned an Associate of Kinesiology in education from Del Mar College. She will officially assume the position of SFA Principal as of July 1, 2023.

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