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**Amanda Sanchez-Munoz hired as G-PISD’s
Director of Special Education**

Gregory-Portland ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos announced this month that Amanda Sanchez-Munoz will serve as the district’s new Director of Special Education. She will report to Penny Armstrong, G-PISD’s Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with this amazing school district,” said Munoz. “As our district team collaborates with the incredible Special Education teachers and staff across G-PISD, we will keep community relationships and the development of connections that benefit students. It will be a top priority of ours to work closely with families to ensure students with disabilities are appropriately and thoughtfully served.”

Armstrong said Sanchez-Munoz comes to G-PISD with previous experience overseeing special education and was the right person at the right time for this important work. “We are thrilled to have Mrs. Munoz join the G-PISD family, supporting the continuous cultivation of a Learner-Centered Culture with the knowledge that doing so benefits every student,” Armstrong said. “Students are the heart of our work as educators. They are ‘our why,’ the pulse, richness and joy of our schools and community. I am extremely excited to welcome (Sanchez-Munoz) to the district, where her expertise and love for our students will provide the leadership necessary to support our teachers and staff in serving all Wildcats.”

Cavazos agreed and emphasized her appreciation for the district-wide special education team: “We are serving more and more special education students every year,” she said, “in part due to community-wide growth and enrollment increases, and because families value what our team provides for students who receive special education services.

“I cannot express how thankful I am to the talented teachers and staff in every one of our schools who give so much for our students, and for the leadership that (Sanchez-Munoz) will provide beginning this school year in collaboration with the entire Curriculum and Instruction team. This leadership is critical to moving us forward and meeting goals outlined in our District Balanced Scorecard as adopted by the school board under ‘Priority 1: Exceptional Student Performance’ for all students and all student groups – which specifically includes and elevates those receiving special education services.”

Sanchez-Munoz has served as an educational diagnostician and special education teacher prior to spending 17 years as a special education director. Her prior roles were served in the El Paso area at San Elizardo and Socorro ISDs. She earned a Master of Education from Sul Ross State University, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Texas at El Paso. She has assumed her new role with G-PISD and is now providing leadership for the district as of the 2023-2024 school year.

“I have a passion for serving students with disabilities,” said Sanchez-Munoz, “and maintaining a focus on ensuring they are served in the least restrictive environment while developing relationships with their peers in the general education program. This is critical to the success not only of special education students, yet also the students who are not receiving these services because the experience of building lasting friendships, learning, and growing together with others is a gift to all of us – children and adults alike. I am proud to serve a district where relationships are prioritized and valued as we advance academics for all.”

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