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G-PISD Prepares for Re-Structure, Hires Two Assistant Superintendents for 2017-18

Gregory-Portland ISD announced plans last month to implement a new district reporting structure, with a transition from two to four senior administrative positions reporting to the Superintendent of Schools. Last night, two new positions were filled when Trustees approved a recommendation to name Dr. Leslie Faught as the district's Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership & Student Services, and Velma Soliz-Garcia as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction.

Dr. Faught will be transitioning from her current role as the district's Director of Special Programs, a position she's held since 2009. Soliz-Garcia will complete this school year in her current role as the Assistant Superintendent at Alice ISD, where she has been serving students in that district since 2013.

"We are excited to promote Dr. Faught to a new role, and welcome Mrs. Soliz-Garcia to G-PISD," said Superintendent Dr. Paul Clore. "I have no doubt that our staff and students will greatly benefit from their collective expertise, and I am looking forward to working with them as we aim to meet the changing needs of our school district and community."

G-PISD's current Assistant Superintendent Darla Czerwinski will begin the 2017-18 as Chief Human Resources Officer, a position that she was asked to fill for the benefit of the district in lieu of retirement. In addition, Ronald Wilson will continue to serve as the district's Chief Financial Officer and Safety Coordinator.

"This leadership team will be well equipped to provide support where we need it most. We are thankful to each of them, and certainly grateful to have a school board committed to developing the best possible structure for future growth here in G-PISD," said Dr. Clore.

Brief biographies are provided below for the two new Assistant Superintendents, and a photo of each is attached to this release for public use. Thank you.

Dr. Leslie Faught

- **New Position @ G-PISD:** Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership & Student Services (2017-18)
- **Current Position @ G-PISD:** Director of Special Programs (since 2009)
- **Former Employment:**
 - Sinton ISD – Director of Special Programs and Assessment, 2006-2009
 - Calallen ISD – Principal, Calallen Middle School, 2001-2006
 - Calallen ISD – Assistant Principal, Calallen Middle School, 1996-2001
 - Calallen ISD – Teacher, East Elementary, 5th Grade Math & Science, 1995-1996
 - Bryan ISD – Teacher, Mary Branch Elementary, 2nd Grade, 1990-1995
 - Bryan ISD – Teacher, Crockett Elementary, 2nd Grade, 1985-1990



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- Education:
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 - Master of Science in Administration – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
 - Master of Science in Educational Curriculum and Instruction – Texas A&M University
 - Bachelor of Science in Educational Curriculum and Instruction – Texas A&M University

Velma Soliz-Garcia

- New Position @ G-PISD: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction (2017-18)
- Current Position @ Alice ISD: Assistant Superintendent (since 2013)
- Former Employment:
 - Alice ISD – Coordinator of Instructional Services, 2012-2013
 - Ramirez Common School District – Superintendent, 2011-2012
 - Mathis ISD | Administrative Consultant Success Consulting Services – Founder/CEO, 2010-2011
 - Sinton ISD – Assistant Superintendent, 2004-2010
 - Flour Bluff ISD – Director of Federal Programs, Curriculum & Instruction, 1999-2004
 - Flour Bluff ISD – Principal, Flour Bluff Primary School, 1998-1999
 - Flour Bluff ISD – Assistant Principal, Flour Bluff Primary School, 1997-1998
- Education:
 - Doctoral Candidate, ABD – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (2007-2012)
 - Master of Science in Education/Administration – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
 - Bachelor of Science – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
 - Associate Degree in Arts – Del Mar College

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