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**Dr. Michelle Cavazos hired as Gregory-Portland ISD Superintendent  
with Unanimous, 7-0 Vote from the Board of Trustees**

After the state-required 21-day waiting period since Dr. Michelle Cavazos was named Gregory-Portland ISD's Lone Finalist for Superintendent on June 15th, Trustees moved to hire her for the position with a 7-0 vote during Monday night's special called meeting.

"I am extremely excited to join the G-PISD family, and work with all of the incredible staff I've heard so much about already," said Cavazos. "I've met with several individuals so far, and I am eager to meet all of our students, parents, and community members when we are able to do so safely. Until then we will maintain the safety of our students and staff as our number-one priority, and move forward with resilience to inspire our students no matter the challenges (rather, opportunities) before us. Together we will continue to do all that we can to unleash the limitless potential of our Wildcats now, and in the years to come."

Prior to signing her contract with G-PISD this evening, Cavazos was the Chief Officer for School Leadership, Academics, and Social Emotional Learning at Austin ISD since 2018. She also served as the Director of Secondary Education Services for Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD from 2016 to 2018, and was a school principal for elementary, middle, and high schools from 2004 to 2016.

Cavazos earned a Doctorate in Education for School Improvement from Texas State University, a Master of Education in School Administration from the University of Houston, and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Northern Iowa. She formerly served as a bilingual classroom teacher.

As Cavazos assumed the district's highest leadership position, she extended thanks to retiring Superintendent Dr. Paul Clore for his tenured leadership. "Dr. Clore has done so much for G-PISD, and he is to be commended for leading this district to where it is today. I am thankful to him, and want to honor his great work. We can look ahead to a bright future, grateful for his tremendous contributions to the success of our students, staff, and community." Clore will retire in December 2020 after serving as the district's Superintendent for nearly two decades.

"This is a unique time for all of us as a community, with many needs and concerns regarding public health and safety – and with Dr. Clore set to retire soon, this School Board was dedicated to finding the right candidate for our district at the right time," said Board President Victor Hernandez. "We are extremely thankful for Dr. Clore's leadership throughout all of his time at G-PISD, and want to honor his legacy as we also welcome Dr. Cavazos to lead us forward. We're looking forward to seeing her build upon the strong foundation and history of excellence that's been established here at G-P: *The Destination District*."

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