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G-PISD Board of Trustees select Dr. Michelle Cavazos as Lone Finalist for the position of Superintendent to succeed Dr. Paul Clore

Following a statewide search for Gregory-Portland ISD's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michelle Cavazos was selected as the lone finalist by a unanimous 7-0 vote from the district's Board of Trustees during a regular meeting on Monday, June 15th, 2020. Dr. Cavazos currently serves as the Chief Officer for School Leadership, Academics, and Social Emotional Learning at Austin ISD and will succeed the district's current Superintendent, Dr. Paul Clore, who will retire later this year.

"When you think about putting a large puzzle together, like a school district, I think Dr. Cavazos is the piece that really fits what we were looking for as a school board," said Board President Victor Hernandez.

Dr. Cavazos has served Austin ISD in her current role since 2018, and was the Director of Secondary Education Services for Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD from 2016 to 2018. She served as a school principal for elementary, middle, and high schools from 2004 to 2016. Dr. 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.

In response to the unanimous vote, Dr. Cavazos stated: "I am honored and thrilled to join the Gregory-Portland family, and look forward to getting to know everyone while working alongside our dedicated Board of Trustees, staff, and community to realize our mission to empower, engage, and inspire our Wildcat nation to be THE Destination District!"

There were 34 applications submitted for the position of Superintendent. The Board interviewed nine candidates before selecting Dr. Cavazos as the lone finalist. Hernandez said the number of applicants revealed that many were interested in serving as the next leader for G-PISD, and attributed the district's success to its long-time leadership and staff. "Before we move forward, I'd like to thank Dr. Paul Clore, who has been here (as Superintendent) for 19 years. I applaud his efforts and his work that (resulted) in so many applicants clamoring to be here. My hat's off to Dr. Clore, and all the staff who have done great work all these years."

State law requires a 21-day waiting period before a Superintendent can be hired. The Board will take final action to hire Dr. Cavazos on July 6th or soon thereafter.

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