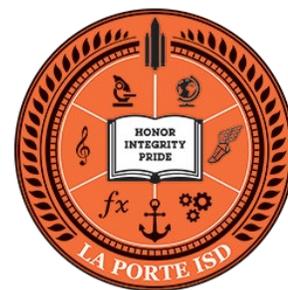


# La Porte Independent School District

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### **DISTRICT NAMES NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, TWO NEW PRINCIPALS**

Jackson Tarr, Crosby ISD's defensive coordinator, will become the next head football coach of the La Porte Bulldogs. Lisa Basile and Jose Lozano, meanwhile, will take over the principal helm for the 2021-22 school year at Bayshore and Leo A. Rizzuto Elementary schools, respectively.

The district's Board of Trustees unanimously approved the three appointments at its May 3 special called meeting.

Tarr succeeds Anthony Renfro, who recently accepted another head coaching position in the area. Like his predecessor, Tarr will assume the duties of district athletic coordinator. Basile and Lozano will take over respectively for Donna Spaugh and Deanna Narcisse, who recently announced their retirement.

#### **Jackson Tarr**

Tarr serves as defensive coordinator in Crosby, where he also coaches safeties and powerlifters and is the strength and conditioning and offseason coordinator. In his time at Crosby, in District 12-5A, Cougars' defense improved from next-to-last in the district in 2018 to number one in 2020. The Crosby Cougars were 2020 Region 3 Champions and 5A-II State Finalists.

Prior to his posts at Crosby, Tarr was assistant head coach, defensive line coach and varsity baseball assistant at Fort Bend Hightower. He previously served as head football coach at Parkville High School in Baltimore, Maryland, where his team competed in the largest classification in the state. Parkville had the number one defense in Baltimore County in 2010, 2011 and 2013, and the number two offense in 2010, 2011 and 2014. His team's overall record was 44-29, which is the best record in any seven-year period in school history. Additionally, Tarr coached his team to its first playoff win in 30 years.

Coach Tarr has served as an educator and coach for 20 years. He has worked with all position groups and coordinated both offenses, defenses and special teams. Additionally, he has 12 combined years as a high school baseball, powerlifting and track and field coach. He has

experience writing curriculum for both social studies and physical education. He holds a Bachelor of Science in social sciences and history from Towson University and a Master of Science degree in organizational development and leadership from Shippensburg University. He is certified as a classroom teacher in social studies and physical education.

**Lisa Basile**

Basile serves as assistant principal at Jennie Reid Elementary School. Prior to her current role, she served as an instructional technology specialist at the district level and at Heritage Elementary. She also previously taught kindergarten, first grade, and third grade, and she served as the reading intervention specialist at Jennie Reid. Basile has been an educator for 24 years, all of which she has served in La Porte ISD.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from Lock Haven University and a Master of Science in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Basile is certified as a principal and in early childhood and elementary education.

**Jose Lozano**

Lozano serves as assistant principal of Leo A. Rizzuto Elementary School. Prior to his current role, he served as grade level chairperson, and science and bilingual teacher at Bayshore Elementary School; he additionally taught second, fourth and fifth grades at La Porte Elementary School. Lozano was the 2013 Campus Teacher of the Year at Bayshore; in 2009, he was named Houston Area Association for Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year. While teaching at Bayshore, he sponsored the Robotics Club and the Running Club while teaching at Bayshore. He has twice served as a student teacher mentor. Lozano has served as an educator for 14 years, all of which have been in La Porte ISD.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Houston-Downtown and a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas-Arlington. He is certified as a principal, bilingual generalist and ESL teacher.