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Kyle Jones promoted to G-PISD Director of Technology

Gregory-Portland ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos has promoted Kyle Jones to serve as the district's new Director of Technology. This promotion follows Jones' dedication to G-PISD in his previous role as the Coordinator of STEAM & Instructional Technology. He will report to Michael Thieme, Executive Director of Safety and Operations, in his new position. Jones will oversee the technology needs of the district's students and staff.

"My journey through education has been an interesting one," said Jones. "After teaching high school science for seven years, my interest was piqued when utilizing innovative probeware technology for Chemistry labs. From there I pursued a deeper understanding of implementing innovative technologies to benefit student learning. I started my educational technology journey with G-PISD eight years ago as an instructional technologist. The ultimate priority will always be to provide an environment where our students can achieve at the highest levels."

Jones expressed gratitude to the G-P community and G-PISD leadership, teachers, and staff. "I'm excited to step into this new role. I want to extend my gratitude to the administration and my colleagues for their trust and support. As we strive for educational excellence, I am committed to leveraging cutting-edge technology to create an inclusive digital space that educates, inspires, and empowers our students and educators."

Dr. Cavazos said she is pleased to see Jones step into this leadership role. "He has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and innovation in the field of educational technology," said Cavazos. "With strong experiences teaching in a classroom to serving as an administrator, he brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep understanding of the technological needs and challenges faced by educators and students. His dedication to fostering an environment of continuous learning and improvement aligns with the district's vision for the future."

Prior to joining G-PISD's Curriculum and Instruction team, Jones worked at the Sylvan Learning Center in Corpus Christi and provided support for students and learning concepts in reading, math, and science. Additionally, he worked in multiple school districts including Kerrville, Mathis, and Flour Bluff ISDs as a science teacher. Jones earned a Master of Science in Instructional Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Minor in Chemistry from Texas A&M University – Kingsville.

Jones has two children who currently attend G-PISD schools, and one will soon attend school the G-P Early Childhood Center. Among many anticipations this school year, Jones looks forward to collaborating with his team and continuing to create an innovative learning environment for all G-P Wildcats.

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