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Shelly Elizalde promoted to G-PISD Director of Data, Assessment, and Accountability

Gregory-Portland ISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos has promoted Shelly Elizalde to serve as the district's Director of Data, Assessment, and Accountability. This change follows Elizalde's commitment to G-PISD as the Coordinator of Assessment, Accountability, and Multilingual Programs. She reports to Dr. Michael Norris, the Executive Director of School Leadership, and will provide leadership for the district-wide implementation of all state and local assessments.

"I love helping and supporting campus staff in every way possible," said Elizalde. "I feel that my job exists to support school staff so that they can further support our students. I'm excited for my new role to really be able to partner with principals in their efforts to increase student performance and make data-driven decisions. By working together, G-PISD's strong relationships create a supportive and innovative environment that enhances the educational experience for all students and staff." Among her top priorities, Elizalde provides plans, procedures, and training to ensure the security and confidentiality of state-mandated testing programs and other assessments. A key component of her role also includes partnering extensively with principals and other campus leaders to ensure academic success through the alignment of assessment outcomes and strategies to further advance student progress across the district.

"I love working at G-PISD because it is like a family here," she said. "From the moment I joined the district, I have been welcomed and included. Our administration, school board, and community are exceptional! It's an incredible feeling to know that my input is valued by those with whom I work, and I am so grateful for this opportunity. We have wonderful, talented students and I really appreciate that we put students first at G-PISD."

Dr. Cavazos shared that she felt Elizalde was a strong candidate for this leadership position as she brings her expertise and passion for educational excellence to this pivotal role. "Her commitment to data-driven decision-making and collaborative work with various departments will help us achieve our goal of providing a pathway to educate, inspire, and empower our students and staff. Her attention to detail is greatly appreciated, especially when it comes to ensuring the district is in compliance for district-wide testing and working with our Human Resources team on data needed for the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) program."

During her time at G-PISD, Elizalde has had the opportunity to work closely with our students and staff at G-P High School as the Dean of Instruction and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator. Prior to joining Team G-P, she served at Waller ISD as their CTE Director and Curriculum Facilitator. Elizalde earned a Master of Science in Animal Science from Angelo State University, a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Science, and a Bachelor of Science in Poultry Science, along with her teaching certification from Texas A&M University.

Elizalde's two children attend G-PISD schools. "Since coming here, I have had the opportunity to get to know and love our community. I truly believe this was the best thing that ever happened to (my children). They have had phenomenal teachers and mentors, and I am so grateful for that!"

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