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Superintendent announces administrative restructuring

Lake Travis Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Rocky Kirk has announced several assignment changes among the central administrative staff following the departure of Deputy Superintendent Dr. Diane Frost, who has been designated by the Corsicana ISD Board of Trustees as their lone superintendent finalist.

“The Deputy Superintendent position and all of the responsibilities it holds is critically important to the successful operation of the District,” said Dr. Kirk. “Fortunately, we are able to re-direct these duties internally among staff already in place, rather than searching outside the District for this position. In doing so, we get the dual benefit of lowering administrative costs while taking advantage of the skills, abilities and competencies of talented staff within our own ranks.”

Susan Bohn, currently LTISD General Counsel, will assume the title of Deputy Superintendent and General Counsel. In this role, Ms. Bohn will provide leadership to campus principals as well as to numerous administrative functions of the District including communications, community programs, extracurricular programs, and human resources.

Ms. Bohn joined LTISD in November 2006 in the midst of significant legal demands on the District. A native Austinite, she earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law and a master’s degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, with a focus on education policy. Ms. Bohn began her career in public education as a high school social studies teacher.

“Since joining the senior leadership team in our District, Susan has done an exceptional job of successfully dealing with significant legal challenges that had the potential to negatively affect our District and students, all while reducing annual legal expenditures,” continued Dr. Kirk. “Additionally, beyond her scope as an attorney, and drawing upon her experience as an educator and training related to school district management, Susan has worked collaboratively as a member of our senior leadership team to increase the quality and strength of all District programs.”

Becky Burnett, currently Director of Special Services for LTISD, will assume the duties of Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. In this role, Ms. Burnett will continue to have general responsibility for special education services, but will also be responsible for other student service components such as Pre-Kindergarten and bilingual programs, Section 504/ADA, and counseling, health care and social services. According to Dr. Kirk, “Becky has distinguished herself as an exemplary leader in the area of special services. She is well-respected among parents and colleagues. Our District will be better served through her work in this expanded role.” Ms. Burnett earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a specialty in Communication Disorders from the University of North Texas and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from the University of Phoenix.

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Providing support to the Deputy Superintendent and General Counsel's office will be Holly Morris-Kuentz, currently the Instructional Technology Coordinator for the District. Ms. Morris-Kuentz will assume responsibilities as the Director of Educational Support Services, a role that combines administrative support to the Deputy Superintendent with her current duties of providing instructional technology support to classroom teachers as a member of the District's Curriculum and Instructional team. Ms. Morris-Kuentz, a native of San Antonio, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Houston Baptist University. She spent nine of her 13 years in education in Alamo Heights ISD as a teacher and campus technology coordinator, followed by four years in higher education administration in New York.

Diana Davison, currently serving as LTISD Coordinator of Special Services, will assume the duties and responsibilities as Director of Special Education. Ms. Davison, who is completing her doctorate degree in special education from the University of Montana, joined the District in 2007. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History/English Education from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Library Science degree from Sam Houston State University.

"We are very fortunate to have such exceptionally high levels of talent and skills already present within our District administrative staff," added Dr. Kirk. "It is an exciting time in our District, and I am confident the administrative staff who are taking on new roles, as well as those who will continue serving in their current roles, will strengthen and increase the quality of our District on behalf of the students we serve."

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