



## **BRIDGEPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Press Release**

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## **Dr. Amy Ellis Hired To Lead Bridgeport ISD**

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday evening to hire Dr. Amy Ellis as the next Superintendent of Bridgeport Independent School District. Dr. Ellis has 16 years of experience in education as a former teacher, assistant principal, principal and curriculum coordinator. She was most recently the Chief Curriculum and Instruction Officer for Rockwall ISD, but also taught and served as an administrator in Waxahachie, Carroll and Castleberry ISDs.

“We are extremely excited that Dr. Ellis has accepted this important leadership role in our community,” said School Board President Charles Mauldin. “She has a proven ability to work with and bring faculty together and is very goal-oriented. She will set high expectations for both the staff and students of Bridgeport ISD.”

Mauldin said he and the other Trustees believe Dr. Ellis stood out among other applicants because of her strong background in curriculum and instruction. In addition, she has experience working in similar size districts and the ability to speak Spanish.

“I am thrilled and honored to be a part of a community that truly values student success and relationships,” Dr. Ellis said. “Bridgeport is exactly the type of community that my husband, Josh, and I were looking for. Everyone we have met has been so kind and welcoming to us, and it’s already made us proud to be a part of the Bridgeport ISD family.”

While at Rockwall, Ellis led the curriculum and instruction team and 21 campus principals to an “A” accountability rating and numerous campus Academic Distinction Designations. Under her leadership Rockwall students increased masters performance on both the STAAR and End-of-Course exams. She helped create a Curriculum-Based Assessment System to evaluate student performance and curriculum effectiveness and was instrumental in helping to increase the number of students qualifying as National Merit Scholars.

As a teenager, Ellis served with her family as a missionary in Guatemala where she learned to speak Spanish by conversing with locals. She launched her education career in 2006 by teaching Spanish at Waxahachie High School, and served as an Assistant Principal there, too, before being named Coordinator of Accountability, Assessment and PEIMS in Carroll ISD and Assistant Principal of Carroll High School in Southlake. Ellis was named Principal of Castleberry High School in 2015 before joining the superintendent's leadership team at Rockwall in 2017.

Having earned her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Speech Communications from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in 2006, Dr. Ellis went on to complete her Master of Science in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University—Commerce in 2008 and her Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2013.

“I cannot wait to get started building positive relationships with district stakeholders and community members in Bridgeport,” Dr. Ellis said, adding that she is grateful for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent and appreciates the confidence the Board has placed in her. She will spend the first few months of the semester visiting campuses and getting to know students and staff, while focusing on effective communication and public engagement.

Dr. Ellis begins her new position on January 5.