



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Goose Creek CISD hires new superintendent

Goose Creek CISD has a new superintendent to lead the district. The Board of Trustees unanimously hired Dr. Salvador Cavazos to take the reins on July 19.

Dr. Cavazos becomes the 14th superintendent in Goose Creek CISD history, replacing Dr. Toby York who will retire on July 31.

Dr. Cavazos has been superintendent of the 5,300-student Alice ISD in south Texas for the last three years.

His first day on the job will be August 6.

"I am excited about our hiring of Dr. Cavazos. I believe he will lead our district in taking the steps necessary for improvement in several critical areas," said Jenice Coffey, former Board president and current Board member.

Board President Howard Sampson agrees. "Dr. Cavazos brings strong leadership to our district in the area of curriculum and instruction. This will benefit all of our students. I believe that he will lead Goose Creek CISD into becoming an even more powerful district in the State of Texas," he said.

The Board of Trustees began the search for a new superintendent in February after Dr. York announced his retirement plans.

Dr. York's career spans more than 37 years in education, with 11 years at Goose Creek CISD including serving as superintendent for the past three and a half years.

Dr. Cavazos, 48, has more than 24 years of experience in Texas public schools and the non-profit corporate field.

Prior to his appointment in Alice, he served as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Brownsville ISD.

During his tenure there, the district received the Broad Prize in Education, designating Brownsville ISD as the highest academic performing urban district in the United States.

Other positions he has held include Chief Development Officer for Southwest Key Programs, Inc. in Austin, principal of Johnston High School and Fulmore Middle School in Austin ISD, principal of Santa Maria High School in Santa Maria ISD, and assistant principal of McAllen Rowe High School and Lamar Middle School in McAllen ISD. He also served as a teacher at McAllen High School.

"I am very excited and honored to have been named Superintendent of this fine district. It is evident that GCCISD has a lot of support from parents and the community. I expect to work with the fine team in this district to ensure that every student graduates and is career ready," Dr. Cavazos said.

Dr. Cavazos earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and English from the University of Texas-Pan American in 1986 and his master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American in 1988. He earned his doctorate degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Texas at Austin in 2002.

He holds Texas Educator Certification for superintendent, mid management administrator, counselor, and secondary (grades 6-12) teacher for government and English.

Under the three-year contract approved by the Board, Dr. Cavazos will earn \$210,000 per year, plus benefits.

Dr. Cavazos and his wife, Bertha, have four children. Twenty year old Edward is attending Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma while Christina, 18, will begin her studies at Baylor University in August. Clarissa, 9, will be a fourth grader, and Catherine, 6, will enter first grade this year.

Goose Creek CISD serves more than 21,000 students in the communities of Baytown and Highlands. Encompassing a 128-square-mile area, Goose Creek CISD has one primary school, 13 elementary schools, five junior schools, and three high schools, as well as a wide range of special programs and services, including IMPACT Early College High School, John M. Stuart Career Center, the POINT Alternative Center, and the Peter E. Hyland Center.

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