

District hires new principal for Ashbel Smith Elementary

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees recently named Patricia Musick the next principal of Ashbel Smith Elementary School.

Musick will officially begin in May

Musick, who has been principal at New Caney ISD's Sorters Mill Elementary School since 2007, will take over for Judy Duncan who has been serving as interim principal at Ashbel Smith Elementary.

"I was attracted to Goose Creek for several reasons with one being the commitment to student success that the district continuously demonstrates," Musick said.

"There is a common vision throughout the district that has led to a level of excellence that is rare. Each person that I have visited with in Goose Creek has been incredibly welcoming and warm, and extremely committed to the students and employees of the district. I wanted to be part of a district with exactly that type of philosophy."

Musick began teaching in 1990 with Conroe ISD at Ben Milam Elementary.

She taught at elementary school in the Greenville, Conroe, and Willis school systems before transferring to New Caney ISD in 2001 where she initially served as assistant principal for curriculum and instruction at New Caney High School.

Musick, 43, earned her bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1990 and a master's degree in education from Sam Houston State University in 1997.





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Patricia Musick

"I always wanted to become a teacher and when I enrolled in SFA, I already knew what my profession would be when I graduated. I chose education because I wanted to make a difference with children. I wanted to be able to help them see their potential and become successful. I can't imagine doing anything else each day. It's the most amazing experience to watch a child accomplish a goal that he has worked to master no matter the time frame."

Ashbel Smith, home of the Apaches, has about 675 students enrolled, and has been a TEA Exemplary school for two straight years.

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