



Goose Creek CISD principals on the move

Goose Creek Superintendent of Schools Toby York announces that Michael Wahl will be the new principal of Baytown Junior School and Ruth Perrin will move to Highlands Elementary School as the new principal beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

Wahl has been principal at Harlem Elementary School since 2004. He replaces Steve Koester, who has been hired as the district's new Director of Educational Technology. Koester has served as the principal of Baytown Junior since 2005.

Wahl has been with the district for 18 years. Before being named principal at Harlem, Wahl taught at Highlands Elementary for nine years while also serving as a coach at Baytown Junior School. He also served as assistant principal at De Zavala Elementary for two years.

Perrin has been principal at Alamo Elementary School for four years. Perrin served as assistant principal at Alamo for three years before taking the helm. She also taught for five years with Dayton ISD.

Perrin replaces Judith Duncan, who is retiring on June 30. Duncan has been with the district for 34 years, the last eight as principal at Highlands Elementary.

De Zavala Principal Robin Stoerner has also announced that she will retire on June 30 after 28 years of service with Goose Creek CISD.

"Our goal in making these assignments was to bring together the strongest teams possible, to enhance the instructional experience for our students and maximize support for our staffs. I think we have accomplished that at both Baytown Junior and Highlands Elementary," said Dr. York.

"I also want to take this opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication by our two retiring principals," Dr. York said. "We hope that retirement brings them time to relax, enjoy their family and friends, participate in the activities they love . . . and to smell the flowers."

Dr. York said that hiring principals for De Zavala, Alamo and Harlem elementary schools would be one of his top priorities heading into spring.

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