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# Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees name Velma Soliz-Garcia as Superintendent of Schools

Flour Bluff Independent School District Board of Trustees officially voted today during a Special Called meeting of the Board of Trustees to name Velma Soliz-Garcia as the District's next Superintendent of Schools.

Soliz-Garcia's contract is a three-year contract beginning January 6, 2021. The contract includes a \$191,000 salary package.

"I am humbled, honored, and blessed to have this opportunity to return to FBISD and serve as the proud Superintendent of Schools," said Velma Soliz-Garcia. "I get to serve alongside a dedicated Board of Trustees and phenomenal team of educators that are laser focused on the teaching and learning opportunities of EVERY child! I am dedicated and committed to serve TOGETHER and UNITED on a mission with our educational community to forge ahead through 2021 and beyond to deliver a topnotch educational experience to the world's greatest scholars that excel at all they accomplish with class, pride, and heart."

Mrs. Soliz-Garcia has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at Gregory-Portland Independent School District since 2017. Prior to serving Gregory-Portland ISD, she was the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for Alice ISD for four years. She held several positions in Flour Bluff Independent School District from 1997-2004 as a Director of Federal Programs/Curriculum & Instruction, Principal and Assistant Principal. She lends her expertise from a 32-year career in education serving in various roles as a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, District Director, School Principal, Assistant Principal, Teacher, and Classroom Aide.

Soliz-Garcia earned a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education/Administration from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Education through Walden University.

The superintendent search process began in January and was led by Flour Bluff ISD Acting Superintendent, Joe Kelley. Thirty-nine applicants from across the nation applied for the District's top position. On



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December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees voted to name Mrs. Soliz-Garcia as the lone finalist for the superintendent's position. State law requires the Board to wait 21 days before a contract is signed and the superintendent is officially hired.

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