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## **Academics, School Leadership realigns for more campus support**

EL PASO, TEXAS — The El Paso Independent School District’s Academics and School Leadership departments today unveil an improved structure that will provide more resources and support to campus administration and teachers, announced Elizabeth Saenz, deputy superintendent of academics and school leadership.

School Leadership will be divided into three areas by grade levels — elementary, middle and high school divisions. The elementary division will be led by Dr. Blanca Garcia; middle by Angela Henderson; and high school division by Dr. Carla Gonzales. This structure replaces the previous Area model.

“This realignment offers direct support to principals and campuses that is focused on their needs by grade level,” Saenz said. “This further emphasizes our strategic plan goals to offer more structured support to staff.”

Henderson takes on the middle school division on an interim basis and will remain principal of Coronado High School.

“I am proud of the strong academic focus and culture we have built at Coronado. I am also honored to have the opportunity to share our success with other campuses to help build great schools throughout EPISD,” Henderson said.

Also announced today is the implementation plan for the Connecting Languages/Dual Language division, under the leadership of Laila Ferris, interim Chief of Connecting Languages/Dual Languages. The new implementation plan will add resources and focus to professional development for teachers and support for students. The District’s strong partnership with UTEP continues to offer collaboration through research and classroom engagement and learning experiences for UTEP students.

The Chief Academic Officer, Special Education and Department of Innovation will remain under the Academics umbrella.

The positions of Chief Schools Officer and Chief Innovation Officer have been eliminated.

“By eliminating two senior roles and realigning leadership, we are following our Trustees’ direction and placing an increased focus on Academics and Schools by shifting resources from Central Office to the classrooms,” EPISD Superintendent Juan Cabrera said. “After years of an

intense focus on governance and rebuilding Central Office, today's announcements are a critical step toward our plan to further stabilize Academics and Schools Leadership."

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