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LINDALE ISD HIRES NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Lindale Independent School District is pleased to announce that the current principal of the Lindale Early Childhood Center, Kaela Deslatte, has been hired as the new principal of Velma Penny Elementary. Deslatte is currently in her third year as the principal of Lindale's Early Childhood Center. She began her career at Lindale ISD 10 years ago.

"It is an honor to serve as principal of one of Lindale ISD's outstanding elementary campuses," said Deslatte. "Velma Penny has a strong history in our community and is full of high quality educators. I look forward to serving alongside the teachers and staff to continue the tradition of excellence at Velma Penny Elementary."

Deslatte earned her bachelor's degree at Texas A&M University in College Station. She also has a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Texas at Tyler. She will be taking over for current Velma Penny principal, Monica Moore. Moore is retiring from Lindale ISD after serving in the district for more than 20 years.

"First, I want to praise Mrs. Monica Moore for her leadership and service to Lindale ISD," said Stan Surratt, Lindale ISD Superintendent. "She has been a blessing in many ways. Velma Penny has been an excellent campus during Mrs. Moore's tenure. She has been our most steady administrator in the district. She is loved by her staff, her students and parents. Mrs. Kaela

Deslatte has some big shoes to fill, but I am very confident that Mrs. Deslatte is the perfect administrator for the job. She has all of the skills and abilities that strong administrators possess. She has been extremely successful in her past three years as the principal of ECC and I expect that she will be extremely successful as the new principal at Velma Penny."

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