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MISD Names New Principals, Cummings to Lead Poteet

The Mesquite ISD is proud to announce three new principal appointments effective this fall. **Karyn Cummings** has been tapped to lead Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School, **Holly Grubbs** will take over at Sam Rutherford Elementary, and **Danny Taylor** will replace Cummings at James Terry Middle School. The appointments were approved by the Board April 5.

“It is such an honor to have the opportunity to serve as principal of Poteet High School,” said Cummings. “My love for Poteet is rooted in the incredible experiences my own children had while attending PHS. I am looking forward to continuing the established tradition of excellence.”

Cummings has been with MISD for 21 of her 28 years in education. She began her career in Dallas ISD before joining the MISD in 1989. She taught at Black Elementary and Kimbrough Middle School before becoming an assistant principal. She is completing her 13th year as a principal, serving nine years at Kimball Elementary and the last four at Terry Middle School. Both her undergraduate and graduate degrees are from Texas A&M-Commerce. She replaces Andrew Bauer who is retiring following this school year.

Grubbs has been with the Mesquite ISD for all of her nine years in the profession. She spent the first six years as a first- and fourth-grade teacher at Lawrence before being named assistant principal at Floyd Elementary in 2007. Grubbs is a Poteet High graduate and received her bachelor’s degree from Abilene Christian University and her master’s degree from Texas A&M-Commerce.

Taylor is completing his 19th year in education, 10 of which have been with the Mesquite ISD. He started his MISD career at Wilkinson Middle School as a social studies teacher and coach in 1994. After a four-year stint in MISD, he moved to Palmer ISD, where he served in several roles. He returned to the MISD in 2004 and has spent the past six years as a middle school assistant principal, first at Agnew and currently at A.C. New. Taylor received his undergraduate degree from UNT and his master’s degree from UT-Arlington.