



## MATAGORDA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Board Announces Lone Finalist for Superintendent

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Dear Matagorda ISD Family,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that tonight the Matagorda ISD Board of Trustees named Shannon Chapman as the Lone Finalist for Superintendent of Schools. State law requires a twenty-one-day waiting period before official employment and contract execution, and that action is currently scheduled for April 29, 2024. According to preliminary arrangements, Ms. Chapman will begin occupying the role as Matagorda ISD Superintendent on June 3, 2024; and she looks forward to beginning this new phase of her career by systematically meeting staff, students, and community members.

Ms. Chapman has 20 years of dedicated service in education, notably at Irion County ISD, and has embraced multiple roles that span both campus and district levels. She's served as secondary principal since 2015 but also has experience as federal programs director (since 2012), transportation administrative director (since 2018), elementary principal (2012-2015), district testing coordinator (since 2009), classroom teacher/coach (8 years), and more. The unique aspect of working in a smaller district afforded her the opportunity to engage in a wide array of responsibilities that enriched her leadership skills and provided a solid foundation of comprehending district-wide operations. Her extensive hands-on experience has equipped her with a comprehensive set of skills and deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within a school district.

Ms. Chapman is excited about bringing her blend of experience, passion for education, and commitment to student success to Matagorda ISD. I believe Ms. Chapman along with the Matagorda ISD team will almost immediately make a meaningful impact on the school district and community.

Through my involvement with the superintendent search process, I've come to realize she is a person of high ethics who consistently exceeds expected performance levels. I am honored to make the announcement on behalf of the Matagorda ISD Board of Trustees that Shannon Chapman is the Lone Finalist to become the new Matagorda ISD Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully,

Wade Stidevent  
Interim Superintendent