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Rich Elsasser Named as Lone Finalist for Region 13 Executive Director

Austin, Texas- The Board of Directors of the Region 13 Education Service Center (ESCS) have named Mr. Rich Elsasser as the lone finalist for their Executive Director position.

“We were fortunate to have many outstanding applicants for the position,” said Dr. Ron McMichael, Chair of the Region 13 Board of Directors. “Ultimately, we determined that Rich’s experience as a superintendent within the region, his understanding how ESCs function, and his dedication to assisting educators improve made him the best fit to lead Region 13 into the future.”

He will be following Dr. Terry Smith, who announced his retirement in April, after more than 30 years of service to Texas public schools. Most of those coming in some capacity within an ESC.

Mr. Elsasser is currently the Deputy Executive Director for Academic Services at Region 13 where he has been responsible for assisting schools with all components of educational programs and services. He also provides oversight to the various alternative certification programs for teachers and administrators, and oversees the regional professional development activities for principals.

Prior to coming to Region 13, Mr. Elsasser was Superintendent of Schools of Fayetteville ISD from 2011-2014. He has also served as a middle school principal in Burnet CISD and as a Program Coordinator at Region 13.

Upon being named, Mr. Elsasser said “It is a privilege to be named as the sole finalist and I am excited about getting to continue to work with educators within Region 13 to improve education in Central Texas.”

Mr. Elsasser is a graduate of Texas Tech University and received his Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Houston Baptist University. He and his family live in Georgetown, Texas.

Region 13 serves 78 school districts and charter schools across 16 Central Texas counties. It is one of twenty ESCs across Texas, tasked with helping the State implement educational initiatives and assisting schools improve efficiencies and become more economical. For more information on Region 13, please visit www.esc13.net.

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