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Westbury High School Community:

I have great news to share with you. We are pleased to announce that we have selected a new principal to lead the Westbury High School campus – Susan Monaghan.

Mrs. Monaghan is a veteran educator and administrator with more than two decades of education experience. A strong leader with extensive instruction experience and a history of building teacher and team capacity, Mrs. Monaghan is the principal we need to move Westbury forward and ensure our students continue to produce strong academic results.

Most recently, she served as principal for Pin Oak Middle School, where she has worked for the past five years. During the past year, she also served as lead principal and mentor for her counterparts at Johnston and Ortiz middle schools.

Mrs. Monaghan began her career as a third-grade teacher at HISD's Lockhart Elementary School. After almost a decade, she transferred to the Alief Independent School District, where she worked for five years before returning to HISD.

Since returning to HISD in 1995, she has served as a middle school counselor and later assistant principal at The Rice School, and assistant principal at West University Elementary School. She also served as principal of Lovett Elementary School, which advanced from acceptable to exemplary under her tenure. While there, she also was named the 2008-2009 West Region Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Monaghan received a bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University, as well as a master's in school counseling from University of Houston-Clear Lake and a master's in school administration from University of St. Thomas in Houston.

In addition to her tenure and experience, Mrs. Monaghan brings with her a passion and energy for education that will ensure learning remains the primary focus at Westbury High School.

Mrs. Monaghan already has starting transitioning into her new role. I hope you will join me in welcoming her to our school. A meet and greet will be held in the coming weeks. I encourage you to come by and introduce yourself. I know that she is eager to meet all of you.

I would also like to thank Westbury High School parents and students for their continued cooperation and support during this time of transition. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we have worked to find the very best person for this position.

Best regards,

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