




Education Service Center, Region 2

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Esperanza Zendejas, Ed.D.
Executive Director

February 26, 2021

TO: District Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: **Election of ESC-2 Board Members**

Enclosed are the ballots for the election of Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Members. As per our policy, the voting is done by the Board Members of all school districts served by Region 2. The ballots must be returned by **April 5, 2021**, in the enclosed envelope which is provided for your convenience.

Please note that all candidates have met all qualifications and are residents of the districts located in the area of Place 1 (Agua Dulce ISD, Alice ISD, Banquete ISD, Benavides ISD, Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco ISD, Freer ISD, La Gloria ISD, Premont ISD, Ramirez CSD, and San Diego ISD).

PLACE #1 Candidates

Graciela Gonzales – (Incumbent)

Leticia Cervantes

Please be sure to have your Board members vote for one person in EACH PLACE by placing an X opposite the candidate's name. A resume and/or informational sheet along with the geographic place chart are included for your information and use.

Also enclosed is a District Poll List which should be returned along with the ballots certifying the votes by the Board members of your school district.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 361-561-8404. Once again, I would like to remind you that the ballots and District Poll List must be returned by **April 5, 2021**. Thanking you in advance.

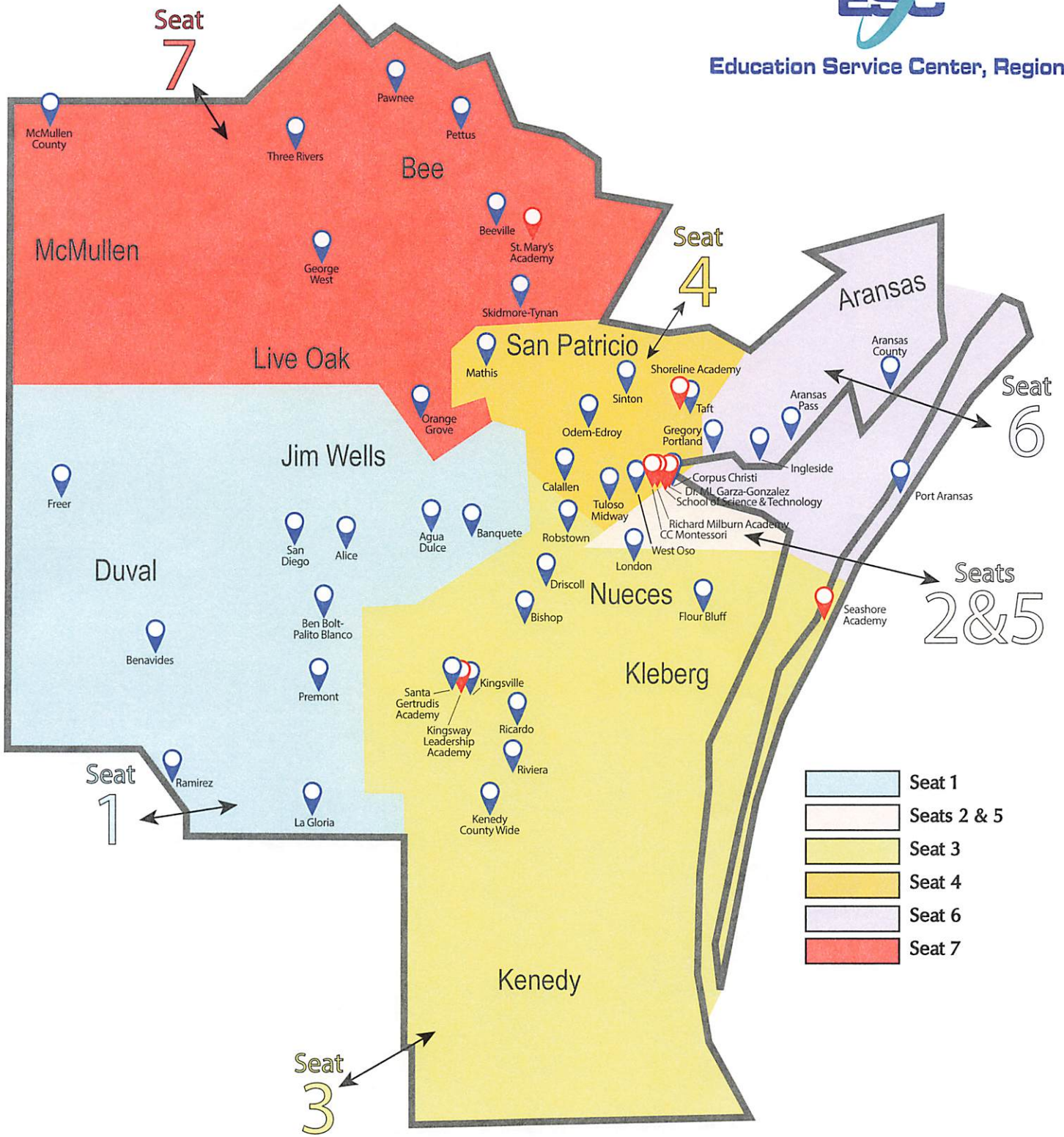
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Enclosures

Places and Districts Served by ESC-2 Board of Directors



Education Service Center, Region 2





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2021 ESC-2 Board Election APPLICATION FOR PLACE ON BALLOT

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Interested and eligible persons may file this application and their resume with the Administration Office of the Education Service Center, Region2 at 209 North Water Street, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401, in person or by certified mail between February 1 and February 20, 2021.

The county of my residence is: Jim Wells County

My residence address is: 255 CR 148, Alice, TX

My mailing address is: 255 CR 148, Alice, TX 78332

I am at least 18 years of age, and I am not disqualified or ineligible to hold the office and meet all qualifications therefore. Please place my name on the official ballot for Place 1 as follows:

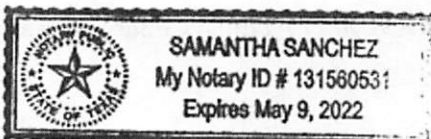
Graciela T. Gonzales
Print or type candidate's name

Graciela T. Gonzales
Signature

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Duval

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Graciela T. Gonzales known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument in writing, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This the 4th day of February, 2021.



Samantha Sanchez
Notary Public, State of Texas

Graciela T. Gonzales

255 CR 148, Alice, TX 78332

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graciela3003@yahoo.com

RECEIVED FEB 05 2021 Professional Summary

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As a district curriculum director and a director of a special education co-operative (Co-op), my experiences have allowed me to gain a global perspective of the instructional and program needs of the organization. My teaming and collaborative planning experiences, as well as experience in planning and delivering staff development, evaluation, and program compliance activities facilitated recommendation of successful program implementation. Additionally, my training and experience in such areas as G/T Curriculum, Bilingual Education, Elementary and Early Childhood Education, and Special Education facilitated an understanding of the diverse needs of the stakeholders in the school or organization.

Certification

- Principal Certification
- Special Education - Generic K-12
- Bilingual Endorsement
- Early Childhood/Kindergarten Endorsement
- Elementary Certification
- Secondary Certification in Home Economics
- 30-hour G/T Institute Certification

Professional Experience

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Educator, Alice Independent School District 1988 – 1996

Third grade bilingual teacher responsible for implementing standard/bilingual curriculum. Served as TAGS (Talented and Gifted Students) teacher at grade level. Served on the campus LPAC Committee and as campus bilingual representative for district. Campus head reading teacher, 1995-96.

Educator, San Diego Independent School District 1974 -- 1988

High School homemaking teacher, 1987-88

Fifth grade bilingual teacher, 1984-87

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten migrant teacher, 1974-84

Education

Educational Administration courses leading to Principal Certification,
Texas A & M - Kingsville, 2002

MS in Education, Specialization in Bilingual Education, Texas A & I University, Kingsville, 1976

BS in Home Economics, Southwest Texas State University, 1972. Summa Cum Laude

Skills

- Standardized test coordination and training
- Managing instructional design, personnel and budgets
- Distance Learning Programs (NovaNET)
- Student Management Programs such as PEIMS (TEA pupil management system) and SEAS (Special Education Automation System)
- Data Disaggregation Programs (AEIS-IT)
- Microsoft Windows programs (Office, Word, Excel, Access, FrontPage, PowerPoint)
- Internet and web page design
- Facebook and Social Media

Community Involvement

- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) Volunteer 2010 -2014
- Duval County Historical Commission – Board Member 2012 – present
- South Coastal Bend Destination Imagination Appraiser – 2012- 2015
- SAGA (Spanish American Genealogy Association) – 2015 – present

References

Available upon request

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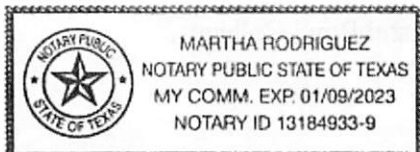
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Leticia Cervantes, TX DL known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument in writing, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This the 15th day of February, 2021.



[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Texas

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OBJECTIVE

Seek Education Service Center 2 Board of Directors, Place 1 Position

EDUCATION

Texas A & M University-Kingsville

- Bachelor of Science, 1978
Major: English
Minor: Spanish
- Master of Arts, Reading: 1980
- ESL Certification, 1987
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Present: Retired Educator

South Texas Screening, Inc. - Alice, TX

August 2014 – Present

- Certified by the Department of Public Safety as a Third-Party Skills Tester
- Administer driving test to Class C driver's license applicants

Benavides Secondary School – Benavides, Texas

August 2011 – June 2020

- Counselor for grades 7-12
- Prepared the master schedule and worked on student schedules
- Collaborated and assisted teachers in analyzing test data and made recommendations for student achievement
- Assisted students in making academic and career plans
- Provided individual or group counseling to students
- Assisted in organizing campus visits by college representatives
- District/Campus Test Coordinator: trained administrators, counselor, and teachers on administering state assessments
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- Assisted students with dual credit registration with Coastal Bend College
- Assisted seniors with the completion of college applications, entrance exams, financial aid, and scholarships
- Coordinated Senior Awards Night
- Assisted administrators with the planning of Early College High School and P-Tech Program
- Collaborated with teachers and parents to help students succeed
- Received training and administered the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) to students
- Maintained records as required

West Oso High School - Corpus Christi, TX
August 2010 - 2011

- Counselor for grades 10 & 11

Premont High School – Premont, TX
August 2000 - 2010

- Counselor for grades 9-12
- District/Campus Testing Coordinator

A.C. Jones High School - Beeville, TX
August 1998 – June 2000

- Counselor for grades 11 – 12

Benavides High School - Benavides, TX
August 1984 – May 1998

- Taught English I, English III, Spanish, and Driver Education

Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco High School – Ben Bolt, TX
August 1983 – May 1984

- Taught reading to 9 –12 migrant students

San Diego High School – San Diego, TX
August 1982 - May 1983

- Taught English I

San Diego Jr. High – San Diego, TX
August 1981 – May 1982

- Taught 7th & 8th grade reading

Organizations

- Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Texas Retired Teachers Association

Community Service

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(Please be sure to include school district name below.)

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, REGION 2
DISTRICT POLL LIST

Please list your district's board members below who voted in the Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Election. Please return this form with the ballots to the Education Service Center, Region 2, by **April 5, 2021**.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

This is to certify that each person whose name appears above is a duly certified board member of _____ School District and voted in the Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Election of 2021.