



Education Service Center, Region 2

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Executive Director

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TO: District Superintendent
FROM: Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Election of ESC-2 Board Members, Place 1**

Enclosed are 7 ballots for the election of Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Member, Place 1. As per our policy, Board Members of all school districts that are in Region 2 are eligible to vote. If you plan to discuss this matter at your board meeting please place the Education Service Center, Region 2 Board of Directors election on your March 2024 Board Agenda. The ballots must be returned by **April 5, 2024**, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope which is provided for your convenience or hand delivered to the ESC-2.

Please note that 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

Amelia (Amy) Koenning

Leticia Cervantes (Incumbent)

Please be sure to have your Board members vote for one person by placing an X before the candidate's name (see ballot). A resume and/or informational sheet along with the geographic place chart are included for your information.

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, 2024**. Thanking you in advance.

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Enclosures

Board of Directors

Chairperson: Stan Simonson Vice Chairperson: Patricia Wallek Secretary: Cynthia Ramirez
Luis Buentello, Leticia Cervantes, Alex Garcia, Bertha Roldan, Greg Ybarra

**Places and Districts Served by
ESC-2 Board of Directors**

PLACE 1 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Agua Dulce ISD
Alice ISD
Banquete ISD
Benavides ISD
Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco ISD
Freer ISD
La Gloria ISD
Premont ISD
Ramirez CSD
San Diego ISD

PLACE 1 COUNTIES

Duval County
Jim Wells County

PLACE 2 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Corpus Christi ISD

PLACE 2 COUNTY

Part of Nueces County

PLACE 3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bishop CSD
Driscoll ISD
Kenedy County-Wide CSD
Kingsville ISD
London ISD
Ricardo ISD
Riviera ISD
Robstown ISD
Santa Gertrudis ISD

PLACE 3 COUNTIES

Brooks County
Kenedy County
Kleberg County

PLACE 4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Calallen ISD
Odem-Edroy ISD
Sinton ISD
Taft ISD
Tuloso-Midway ISD
West Oso ISD

PLACE 4 COUNTIES

Part of Nueces County
San Patricio County

PLACE 5 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Corpus Christi ISD

PLACE 5 COUNTY

Part of Nueces County

PLACE 6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Aransas Pass ISD
Flour Bluff ISD
Gregory-Portland ISD
Ingleside ISD
Port Aransas ISD
Rockport-Fulton ISD

PLACE 6 COUNTY

Aransas County

PLACE 7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Beeville ISD
George West ISD
Mathis ISD
McMullen County ISD
Orange Grove ISD
Pawnee ISD
Pettus ISD
Skidmore-Tynan ISD
Three Rivers ISD

PLACE 7 COUNTIES

Bee County
Live Oak County
McMullen County

(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, 2024**.

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 2024.

AMELIA (AMY) B. KOENNING

2004 Burnie Circle, Alice, Texas 78332 (361) 215-5007 amy.koenning@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Masters of Education
August 1984
Texas A & I University, Kingsville

Bachelors of Science
May 1973
Texas A & I University, Kingsville

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Retired 2013 to Present

GEAR UP/STAR Grant Director 2007-2013
Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi

Secondary Education Director 2006-2007
Alice Independent School District

Alice High School Principal 1996-2007
Alice Independent School District

Schallert Elementary School Principal 1989-2006
Alice Independent School District

Hillcrest Elementary School Principal 1983-1989
Alice Independent School District

Salazar Elementary School Teacher 1971-1983
Grades 3, 4, 5 and Resource Center Teacher

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Teacher of the Year Alice Independent School District 1983
- *TSTA President 1977-1982
- *Trainer of Trainers for Thinking Maps and Loop Writer
- *Facilitator for numerous district workshops
- *Alice Alumni of the Year 1997

- *New Teacher Workshops for Alice Independent School District 1996-2006
- *Gaining Early Readiness for Under Graduate Programs (GEAR UP) College Readiness Trainer for six districts: Alice, Brooks County, Odem, Kingsville, Corpus Christi, and Mathis Independent School Districts

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- *Vice President of the Executive Committee for Community Action of South Texas (CACOST) 2017-2021
- *Ad Hoc Board Member Community Action of South Texas (CACOST) 2022-Present
- *President of Lutheran Church Council 2016- Present
- *Coastal Bend College Foundation Board 2014-2022
- *ENVIGO Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Community Member 2013- present: East and West Sites, Alice, Texas

REFERENCES

- *Dr. Max Thompson, Superintendent, Banquete ISD, Banquete, Texas (903) 701-3401
- *Henry D. Herrera, Former Superintendent Alice, Texas (210) 995-1608
- *Mary Jan Jenkins, Former Elementary School Director, Alice, Texas (361) 701-3638
- *Ann Awalt, Executive Director Community Action of South Texas (361)70-2528

Other references available upon request.

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OBJECTIVE

Current Education Service Center 2 Board Member, Place 1 (Incumbent) seeking reelection

EDUCATION

Texas A & M University-Kingsville

- Bachelor of Science, 1978
Major: English
Minor: Spanish
- Master of Arts, Reading: 1980
- ESL Certification, 1987
- Driver Education Certification, 1992
- Counselor Certification, 1996

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
- Prepare master schedule and work on student schedules
- Provide individual guidance to help students create academic plans, career choices, and address personal challenges
- Provide individual or group counseling to students
- District/Campus Test Coordinator: coordinate and direct the statewide testing program for the district.
- Provide training including test security and support for personnel which included principals, teachers, and instructional aides
- Collaborate and assist teachers in analyzing test data and make recommendations for student achievement
- Work closely with TRIO representative to organize Financial Aid Night

- Taught EDUC 1300 online, Spring 2019
- Assist students with dual credit registration
- Assist seniors with the completion of college applications, entrance exams, financial aid, and scholarships
- Assist administrators with the planning of Early College High School and P-Tech Program
- Collaborate with teachers and parents to help students succeed

West Oso High School - Corpus Christi, TX

August 2010 - 2011

- Counselor for grades 10 & 11
- Prepare master schedule and work on student schedules
- Collaborate and assist teachers in analyzing test data and make recommendations for student achievement
- Assist with statewide assessments
- Assist students with their college applications, entrance exams, financial aid, and scholarships
- Assist with dual credit registration
- Provide individual and group counseling to students

Premont High School – Premont, TX

August 2000 - 2010

- Counselor for grades 9-12
- Counsel students individually or in small groups
- Guide students through the development of their four-year plans
- District and Campus Testing Coordinator
- Collaborate with teachers and administrators to analyze assessment results and make recommendations for student achievement
- Interpret standardized test results and other assessment data to guide students in individual goal setting and planning
- Coordinate dual credit registration
- Prepare master schedule and work on student schedules
- Assist seniors with college applications, entrance exams, financial aid and scholarships
- Defend with colleagues at TEA the Texas Secondary School Restructure and Redesign Grant (Premont was awarded the grant)

A.C. Jones High School - Beeville, TX

August 1998 – June 2000

- Junior/Senior counselor
- Counsel students individually or in small groups
- Assist with statewide testing
- Interpret standardized test results and other assessment data to guide students in individual goal setting and planning
- Assist with dual credit registration

Benavides High School - Benavides, TX

August 1984 – May 1998

- Teach English I, English III, Spanish, and Driver Education
- Prepare students for standardized testing
- Assist with administration of standardized testing
- UIL Ready Writing and Spelling coach
- Teach students defensive driving skills and state driving laws

Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco High School – Ben Bolt, TX

August 1983 – May 1984

- Teach reading to high school migrant students
- One-Act Play sponsor

San Diego High School – San Diego, TX

August 1982 - May 1983

- Teach English I
- Class sponsor

San Diego Jr. High – San Diego, TX

August 1981 – May 1982

- Teach 7th & 8th grade reading
- Perform assessments to determine reading levels
- Work closely with parents to discuss their child's reading progress

Organizations

- Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Texas Retired Teachers Association

Community Service

- Duval County Crime Stoppers Member
- 4-H Club Volunteer
- Duval Classic Treasurer