

The interview committee consisting of Dr. Sara Watson, Angela Solis, Connie Sisneros, Quinessa Williams, Tiffany Vestal, Amanda Kendrick, Ashley Mercer, Ashley Carroll, Adrian Lopez and Dr. Renota Rogers interviewed for the position of Executive Director of Elementary Education on January 22, 2026.

The committee has selected Dr. Chyrstal Thomas as the lone finalist for the position.

Dr. Thomas graduated from Texas Christian University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She graduated with a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Study from Texas A&M Central Texas in 2012, and a Doctor of Organizational Development and Change from Bowling Green State University in 2025.

Dr. Thomas has served in the field of education for 22 years, with thirteen of those years in Temple ISD. Within Temple ISD, Dr. Thomas has held the positions of teacher, instructional coach and assistant principal. She served as the principal of Scott Elementary for eight years and is currently the Principal of Sampson-Howard Elementary.

Dr. Thomas is married to her husband, Shawn, who has been an incredible support to her throughout her career. Together they have two sons, Miles, who attends Travis Science Academy, and Felix, who attend Sampson Howard Elementary.

Dr. Thomas is grateful for the opportunity to serve the district in this new role, and excited to lead the work of our elementary campuses.

The committee is delighted to present her for approval of the position of Executive Director of Elementary Education.