

## News Release from Dripping Springs ISD



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## DSISD HIRES ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—At a special meeting last night (August 6), the Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) Board of Trustees approved Superintendent Bruce Gearing's recommendation of Elaine Cogburn as the district's new Assistant Superintendent for Business Services. Ms. Cogburn, who has served as the Chief Financial Officer for three other Texas districts over an 11-year period, has a total of 18 years of experience in public schools. She will begin her new responsibilities at DSISD August 19, 2013.

Ms. Cogburn will be the Chief Financial Officer for the district, which involves development and oversight of DSISD's annual budget, as well as and future bond and construction projects. She also will be responsible for the following departments: Financial Services, Transportation, Child Nutrition and Plant Operations.

Ms. Cogburn has served as the Associate Superintendent for Business and Finance at Mansfield ISD (2012-13), the Chief Financial Officer at Grapevine-Colleyville ISD (2010-12), the Accounting Services Manager at Dallas ISD (2009-10), and the Chief Financial Officer at Frenship ISD (2001-09). She started her career as an accountant at Lubbock ISD before moving to Frenship as the Assistant Director of Finance in 1999.

A native of Lubbock, Ms. Cogburn received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Accounting from Texas Tech University. A Certified Public Accountant since 1995, Ms. Cogburn is an active member of the Texas Association of School Business Officers (TASBO).

"Ms. Cogburn has an intricate knowledge of school finance and also has worked with bond programs and construction projects," said DSISD Superintendent Dr. Bruce Gearing. "She is a strong communicator who brings exceptional skills to our leadership team, the district and the community."

Ms. Cogburn replaces Ricardo Vela, who returned to Southside ISD in San Antonio as the interim superintendent last month.

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