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SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR HIRED

At the July 23 meeting, the Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees approved Superintendent Bruce Gearing's recommendation of Katharine Muller as the district's new Director of Special Services. Ms. Muller has been an educational specialist at Region 13 Educational Service Center since 2014. The DSISD Special Services department oversees many services: Special Education, dyslexia, Section 504, response to intervention, homebound, and the 18-plus ACCESS program.

At Region 13, Ms. Muller provided professional development, technical assistance and support aligned to evaluation requirements for Dyslexia and 504 services, and also worked with administration of English and Spanish reading assessments and literacy support statewide. Previously, she was the Federal/Special Programs Director at Florence ISD, Coordinator of Dyslexia Services for Austin ISD, and Assistant Director of Special Services for Del Valle ISD.

"Ms. Muller's unique skill set and leadership experience make her an exceptional candidate to lead our Special Services Department," said Dr. Gearing. "Her perspective and vision for supporting student success align directly with the work we're continuing to pursue in DSISD."

Ms. Muller received her bachelor's degree in art education from the University of Texas and her master's degree in educational assessment from Houston Baptist University. She has certifications in elementary education, special education (PK-12), diagnostician (PK-12) and bilingual generalist (EC-4). Ms. Muller is bilingual (English and Spanish).

Ms. Muller is expected to start her duties August 13, 2018. Interim directors Sandy Gravenor and Gale Brown have been sharing duties in the position since previous director Christy Clouse left the district to relocate at the end of the school year.