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West Independent School District (ISD) Board of Trustees Approve Mrs. Jana Pratka as the new Assistant Principal at West Elementary School

During the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, the West ISD Board of Trustees approved Mrs. Jana Pratka as the new Assistant Principal at West Elementary School.

In 2002, Mrs. Pratka began her career as a first grade teacher in Connally ISD. In 2005, she joined the West Elementary School team as a first and second grade teacher and later served as an Academic Coordinator. This position centered on teaching students with special needs and dyslexia. In 2013, Mrs. Pratka joined the Aquilla ISD team as the Assistant Principal for all grade levels. The position provided her the opportunity to serve as the district's State Testing and Special and Federal Programs Coordinator.

Mr. David Truitt, Superintendent, stated, "We were really looking for an educational leader who possessed elementary and administrator experience, as well as who was familiar with the rich history of excellence in West. We were thrilled to see Mrs. Pratka's interest in this position, and naturally, she rose to the top of our applicant pool to recommend to our Board of Trustees." Mrs. Cari Detlefsen, Principal of West Elementary School, added, "Mrs. Pratka is going to be a great addition to our team. She already knows many of our students, staff, and parents and is very knowledgeable of our campus vision and program goals. She has already hit the ground running, and we are ready for the students to arrive on Wednesday, August 16."

Mrs. Pratka holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Baylor University and earned a Master of Education degree in Administration from Lamar University. Mrs. Pratka is a life-long West resident and proud West Trojan. She was even named Salutatorian of the West High School, Class of 1995. Mrs. Pratka is married to Mr. David Pratka and has two sons in West ISD schools. Mrs. Pratka's first day in West was Thursday, July 13, 2017.

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