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Wylie ISD Announces Leadership Transitions in the Transportation Department and at Wylie East Intermediate

Abilene, TX – Wylie Independent School District is proud to announce two significant leadership transitions that will strengthen operations and support students across the district. Following the upcoming retirement of longtime Transportation Director Kelly Conder, Wylie ISD has appointed Ricky Bacon as the new Transportation Director and Elizabeth "Liz" Carey as the next Principal of Wylie East Intermediate.

A New Chapter of Service: Ricky Bacon Named Transportation Director

Wylie ISD is pleased to announce Ricky Bacon, current Principal of Wylie East Intermediate, as the district's new Transportation Director. With 27 years of experience in Wylie ISD and a strong record of servant leadership, Bacon brings deep operational knowledge and a student-first mindset to the role. Superintendent Joey Light praised his experience and leadership, noting the positive impact he will have districtwide. Bacon emphasized that safety, efficiency, and communication will remain his priorities, while also sharing gratitude for the WE>I community. Stepping into his new role, he described the approach that will guide every decision ahead.

> **"My goal is to bring a service-oriented, student-first mindset to every mile we drive," Bacon said. I want to ensure our buses remain safe, our routes consistent, and our drivers supported and valued."**



Growing Leaders: Liz Carey Principal of Wylie East Intermediate

Wylie ISD is excited to welcome Liz Carey, Assistant Principal at Wylie West Elementary, as the new Principal of Wylie East Intermediate. A proud Wylie alum (Class of 2013) and former educator at Wylie West Elementary, Carey brings deep roots and strong instructional leadership to her new role. "Liz has exhibited a strong grasp of organizational and leadership skills that will help her transition from assistant principal to principal," said Superintendent Light.

> **"This age group is at a pivotal stage of development, and I want to help create an environment where students feel safe, valued, and motivated. I'm excited to build upon the strong culture and collaborate with staff and families."**



Strengthening Wylie ISD for the Future

These leadership promotions keep Wylie ISD ready for continued success and stability as the district grows. A coordinated, intentional handoff is already underway, with the official transition set for January 5th after the holiday break. Superintendent Joey Light emphasized that these decisions remain centered on students: "Wylie ISD continues to put the needs of our students at the heart of everything we do." With experienced leaders stepping into new roles, the district is well-positioned to strengthen operations, campus culture, and support for students and staff.

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