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## **Region One Board of Directors Approves Interim Executive Director**

### ***Dr. Eduardo Cancino Selected to Lead ESC Staff***

With the pending retirement of the Region One Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, at the end of January 2021 and the extension of the Executive Director Search Timeline, the Region One Board of Directors named Dr. Eduardo Cancino, current Region One Deputy Director for Division of Instructional Leadership, School Improvement, and College Readiness Support to the Interim Executive Director position, effective February 1, 2021.

At the Region One Board Meeting on November 17, 2020, the Region One Board of Directors voted to extend the timeline for the search of the new Executive Director until the end of the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Texas Education Commissioner. The extension would allow more candidates the opportunity to apply, suggesting that the current pandemic may pause interested candidates from leaving their school district mid-year.

Dr. Cancino has served as an educator for 32 years and currently serves as Deputy Director for the Division of Instructional Leadership, School Improvement, and College Readiness Support. His areas of expertise are focused in effective teacher development, curriculum alignment, data-driven improvement approaches, effective instructional and intervention approaches, and large scale systemic continuous improvement and transformational strategies. During his tenure as Deputy Director, Dr. Cancino has led his team in ongoing improvement efforts focused on providing quality support to educators in the Region One educational community.

“I am very humbled by the action of the Board to allow me the opportunity to serve as Interim Executive Director until the time that the position is filled,” says Dr. Eduardo Cancino. “Dr. Gonzalez has done an outstanding job as the leader of this educational agency and while we are sad to see him go, we are happy for him as he now embarks on a new chapter in his life. His legacy will remain with us forever.”

The tentative start date for the new Executive Director is July 1, 2021.

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