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Runge ISD Board of Trustees Approves Contract for Dr. Benjamin Grijalva as Superintendent

RUNGE, TEXAS — The Runge Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the contract of Dr. Benjamin Grijalva as Superintendent of Schools on Monday, November 16. With more than 19 years in education and 13 years in leadership, Dr. Grijalva brings extensive experience in instructional improvement, leadership development, and student achievement.

Dr. Grijalva most recently served as Executive Director of Instruction in Houston ISD, supporting eight campuses and more than 2,500 students. His previous experience includes serving as an elementary and middle school principal, assistant principal, and Director of Bilingual/ESL Programs across several Texas school districts. He earned his Ph.D. in School Improvement from Texas State University and holds superintendent and principal certifications.

“I am honored and grateful to the Runge ISD Board of Trustees for their trust and confidence in my leadership,” said Dr. Grijalva. “I look forward to working alongside our students, staff, families, and community to strengthen our schools and create opportunities for every student to succeed.” Outside of his professional responsibilities, Dr. Grijalva values spending quality time with his wife of 23 years, Yolanda, and their children.

Runge ISD welcomes Dr. Grijalva and looks forward to the leadership, experience, and dedication he will bring to the district.