## CISD Announces New Executive Director of Special Programs

At the February 7 Board Meeting, the Carroll ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Stacie Bonner as the Executive Director of Special Programs. Bonner, who is certified as a Principal and in Special Education EC-12, has been dedicated to the field for 18 years serving as a Special Services Coordinator and Special Education Teacher. Her first day at CISD is Monday, February 14.

Bonner comes to Carroll ISD from Lubbock Independent School District in Lubbock, Texas, where she was the Special Services Coordinator for nine years. In this role, she monitored and oversaw specialized programs and services for 14 elementary, middle and high school campuses. Bonner also oversaw the development, coordination and implementation of instructional services for all students with disabilities to ensure compliance with established policies, procedures and/or regulations as mandated by state and federal laws. Additionally, she led the development of writing and implementing instructional frameworks, scope and sequences, and assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities based on state curriculum standards. Alongside this position, she serves as an Online Adjunct Professor for Grand Canyon University leading teacher training courses on Special Education topics. Prior to this, she was a Special Education Teacher within Lubbock ISD for four years and at Wichita Falls Independent School District in Wichita Falls, Texas, for five years. In these roles, Bonner created and managed Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to define student learning objectives and educational strategies while applying instructional knowledge and methods to support goals.

"We are very pleased to welcome Stacie Bonner to our Dragon family as the Executive Director of Special Programs," said Deputy Superintendent Dr. Courtney Carpenter. "We have searched extensively for the right candidate to fill this position and Ms. Bonner brings a wealth of experience leading in special programs and special education that will serve our Dragon families well. Her leadership will help facilitate growth, innovation and success in this department."

Bonner is currently completing her Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Special Education at Grand Canyon University, where she also obtained her Master's degree in Special Education. She received her Bachelor's degree in Human Services from Ottawa University.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff of Carroll ISD," said Bonner. "I am looking forward to building relationships and working alongside them while helping support and grow the Special Programs department. I am humbled to be a part of the Dragon family."