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Superintendent Announces New Administrative Appointments

Dr. Doug Otto, superintendent of schools, announced the following administrative appointments at the school board's September 2 meeting. Congratulations to these employees.

East Cluster - Assistant principals at Plano East Senior High School: **Johnnie Cotton** served as a principal in Mexia ISD for the past three years, after serving as fine arts director at Crandall High School. Johnnie has also directed bands, since 1983, in Center, Jasper, Spring Hill, Overton and Lindale ISDs. **Laura Grundler** joins the Plano East staff after serving as administrative intern at Shepton High school. She has also taught at Williams High School and Clovis Unified School District in California.

Central Cluster - **Karin Ball** joins the Plano Senior High School staff as an assistant principal, after serving as administrative intern at Renner Middle School and as a teacher at Frankford and Haggard middle schools and Sigler Elementary.

West Cluster - Administrative interns include: **Adrienne Hunter**, former adult ESOL teacher at Grand Prairie High School, joined the Renner Middle School team this year. She has also served as a teacher and assistant principal in Grand Prairie. And, for the past two years, she has served as an adjunct development math professor at El Centro Community College. **Joy Lovell**, a former teacher at Rasor and Bethany elementary schools, joined the Frankford Middle School staff this year. She has also served as a teacher, band director and assistant choir director in Richardson, Irving and Ector County ISDs. **Latasha Goodwin**, former middle school teacher in Coppell, is serving at Robinson Middle School. **Kecia Theodore**, former Shepton High School teacher, has joined the administrative team at Shepton. She has also taught at secondary schools in Richardson ISD and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

Administration - Serving as Plano ISD Education Foundation Executive Director/Director of Development is **Monica Shortino**. She brings experience serving as director for development with The Real Estate Council Foundation, as a weekend shelter advocate at the New Beginnings Center and as director for non-profit projects at The Bradley Group.

The assessment and accountability team has welcomed two new administrators: **Dharshana Weeransinghe**, assistant director, and **Paul Dabbs**, management coordinator. They each hail from Dallas ISD, where Mr. Weeransinghe served as director of data analysis, reporting and research, and Mr. Dabbs served as measurement coordinator of evaluation and accountability. He has also served as a strategic marketing manager at Ericsson, Inc. During his nearly 20-year career, Mr. Weeransinghe has consulted for Rapp-Collins Marketing Services Network and served as DISD's institutional research director and evaluation specialist as well as the statistical data analyst for school planning and demographic studies. He began his career working as a research and teaching assistant at Texas Tech University.

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