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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Lamar CISD to Host 2023 Job Fair Featuring Grow Your Own Programs

May 3, 2023 – Rosenberg, Texas – As many school districts are facing staff shortages, Lamar CISD continues to take a proactive approach with "Grow Your Own" initiatives that provide employees with rewarding opportunities to develop professional skills and certifications for continued education.

The District will host a Job Fair to hire teachers, librarians, counselors, teacher aides, and more on Thursday, May 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Reading Junior High located at 8101 FM 762, Richmond, Texas 77469. Representatives from District campuses, iTeach, University of Houston – Victoria, and the District's Talent Development Department will be in attendance.

Some professional development programs offered by the District include:

- iTeach for employees seeking alternative certification
- University of Houston-Victoria Jags Teach provides a student-teacher residency
- University of Houston-Victoria Voice Program is an accelerated certification program
- Grand Canyon University cohorts for Bachelor and Doctoral candidates
- Highly Qualified Paraprofessional Academy which is a comprehensive training event
- University of Houston Victoria fast-track master's cohort hybrid program for a Master of Education in Administration and Texas Principal Certification

Recently, the first iTeach cohort member and paraprofessional Melissa Carpenter was offered a teaching position at Leaman Junior High.

Carpenter's Principal Stacy Boarman said, "Part of being a leader at Lamar CISD is having a passion for people by developing self and others. When I heard about the opportunity to help our talented paraprofessionals become certified teachers, I knew I had to encourage Melissa to get involved. I know she is going to have a positive impact and will truly make a difference for those who will be fortunate enough to call her 'teacher'."

Please click <u>HERE</u> to sign up for the job fair. For more information, please visit <u>www.LCISD.org/careers</u> or contact Human Resources Recruiter Jose Sanchez-Garcia at <u>Jose.SanchezGarcia@LCISD.org</u> or 832.223.0317.

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## ABOUT LAMAR CISD

Lamar CISD serves more than 42,000 students at 47 campuses throughout 15 municipalities. In 2022, the District received an A-rating from TEA, and passed a bond valued at \$1.5 billion, which will include a new CTE building. Currently, the District is one of the fastest-growing schools in the state of Texas with more than 25 new campuses projected to open over the next decade.