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Superintendent of Schools for Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Selected as Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—LaTonya Goffney, the superintendent for Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District in Coldspring, Texas, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leader program recognizes top educators under age 40 from around the world for their leadership. A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 22 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at an event in Washington, D.C., honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Honoring these young leaders is one of PDK's most important initiatives," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "We know the future of education is in good hands with leaders like these making a difference in the lives of our students."

Goffney started her career as a language arts teacher. She served as assistant principal and a principal in Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD before becoming superintendent. Goffney has received many awards throughout her career, and she has published several papers focusing on the perceptions of race and gender in the superintendency. She holds a bachelor's degree in history and English, a master's degree in administration, and a doctorate in educational leadership.

"I am passionate about making a difference in students' lives," Goffney said. "I am committed to ensuring that students graduate from Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD prepared to go to college or enter the workforce."

Goffney volunteers on a number of academic and civic boards and committees, including the Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce board, Coldspring Women's League, Coldspring Youth Club Advisory Committee, ESC Region 6 Superintendent Executive Committee, UIL Waiver Review board, TEA Principal Preparation Steering Committee, Texas Council of Women School Executives board, and Texas Association of School Administrator's central office advisory committee. She is a member of PDK International.

For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org.

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