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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** TAMUK Campus Community

**From:** James M. Palmer   
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Date:** January 10, 2025

**Re:** Announcement of Dean of Education and Human Performance

Following an extensive national search for the Dean of Education and Human Performance, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Kathleen Lynch-Davis has accepted the position. She will begin July 1, 2025.

Dr. Lynch-Davis brings to the position administrative and academic experience commensurate with the responsibilities of the position. She is currently Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, a role she has held since 2021. She previously served as Department Chair of Curriculum, Instruction and Learning Sciences, and was also Associate Dean and Professor at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. She has taught over 30 graduate and undergraduate courses since 2000, has published twenty-two refereed journal articles, twelve book chapters, and has a large number of conference proceedings and technical reports. She is currently editor of a journal, and has served as PI or Co-PI on over \$2.1 million in funded grants and projects. Lynch-Davis has contributed to program development and curriculum revision, established and sustained mutually beneficial partnerships, including paid teacher residency programs, and engaged in service activities that align with and support the mission and vision of the university and college.

Lynch-Davis holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on mathematics education from Indiana University-Bloomington. She also earned both her M.Ed. and B.A. in Middle Grades Education from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. With a foundation in middle grades mathematics teaching, she has dedicated her career to preparing and supporting both preservice and inservice teachers in effectively teaching mathematics. Her work reflects a deep commitment to enhancing teacher education through innovative instructional practices and professional development. In her current role as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Educator Preparation in the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Dr. Lynch-Davis oversees undergraduate education and the educator preparation program. She provides leadership for the Offices of Field Experience and Educator Preparation Services and Accreditation, ensuring that aspiring educators receive high-quality preparation and that the college meets rigorous accreditation standards.

The Dean of the College of Education and Human Performance serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the College and is responsible for supervising and directing the teaching, research and service missions of the College. The Dean makes decisions or recommendations regarding budget, curricula, degree offerings, faculty and student recruiting, faculty development/tenure and promotion, fundraising, long range strategic planning, matters of academic quality, promotion of the College's interests, research planning and student mentoring. The Dean currently oversees the Departments of Educational Leadership and Counseling; Teacher and Bilingual Education, Health and Kinesiology, Educator Preparation Services, Army ROTC and the Marc Cisneros Center for Young Children.



Dr. Lynch-Davis will work with Dr. Linda Villarreal this spring to ensure a strong transition and strategic planning takes place for the next academic year.

cc: Robert H. Vela Jr.