

# COUNTY OF GILLESPIE



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## **Public Announcement**

As I prepare to retire from my tenure as Gillespie County Judge upon the completion of my 28<sup>th</sup> year in elected office, I would like to address a portion of my duties as County Judge.

While serving as Gillespie County Judge, I have also had the responsibility of serving as County Superintendent for the Doss Consolidated Common School District (Doss CCSD). As you may know, the Doss School is the oldest running public school in the state of Texas. The Doss School, with its rich history, continues to operate and serve the community of Doss at the direction of its District administration.

While my duties as County Superintendent for the Doss CCSD ran concurrently with the District administration over the past 28 years, the primary day to day operations of the District always rested with the District administration.

Currently, to the best of my knowledge, the Doss CCSD is the only Consolidated Common School District in Texas that still operates under a County Superintendent instead of a certified educator Superintendent.

Recently, the District's administration expressed to me its desire to move from operating under a County Superintendent to operating with a certified educator Superintendent. The business of operating a school has become increasingly more involved and complicated over the years. I have always supported whatever the District administration felt was in the best interest of the Doss School. It is my belief that a certified educator Superintendent is best suited and trained to continue to ensure the successful operation of the Doss CCSD after my retirement, and I whole-heartedly support the District administration's desire to make this change in the operation of the Doss CCSD. I have also confirmed with my successor, Daniel Jones, that he is not opposed to this change in operations and he also believes it is in the best interest of the Doss CCSD.

Therefore, effective December 31, 2022, I will formally step down from my position and duties as County Superintendent and transfer full authority of Superintendent of the Doss CCSD to the District administration. It is my fervent hope that the District administration will operate the Doss CCSD in a manner that will continue to serve the Doss community and will maintain the history and traditions of the Doss School for many years to come.