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Communities In Schools of Central Texas Board of Directors welcomes Sharon Vigil as CEO

(Austin, TX) The Communities In Schools Board of Directors announced today that Sharon Vigil will be the next CEO of the organization. Vigil, who currently serves as the organization’s Chief Operations and Equity Officer, will succeed Suki Steinhauser who has been in the role since 2006. A search committee was formed in February—made up of Communities In Schools board officers and other board leaders. The group met every other week since then, using a CEO Succession Plan adopted in 2019 as a guide. They hired Woollard Nichols Associates, a local nonprofit consulting organization that is familiar with Communities In Schools, to help facilitate the process.

“Our board is enthused to announce that Sharon will be our next CEO. We are confident that she is the ideal person to assume leadership of the organization,” says Board Chair Troy Madres. “She has been a true and tested leader in her time at Communities In Schools, and combines her strategic vision and strong business acumen with a love of our mission.”

Prior to joining Communities In Schools, Vigil spent 10 years working for community and youth serving agencies. She has a master’s degree in Executive Leadership and a master’s degree in Education with a focus on multicultural bicultural education. A lifelong learner, she has continued her education through professional development programs at Georgetown University and Cornell University. She is a graduate of Leadership Austin’s Essential Class of 2020, and the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Austin Leadership Class of 2021. She was selected as Austin’s 40 Under 40 in the Youth and Education category in 2021 and was honored as a People’s Choice winner at DivInc’s 2022 Champions of Change Awards ceremony.

Suki Steinhauser, who will exit the CEO post on September 16, expressed confidence in the board’s choice. “Sharon is a strong leader, and she has been the driver for many of our organization’s successes these last 5 years,” Steinhauser said. “I’m confident in Sharon’s ability to lead the organization in accomplishing an ambitious strategic plan that will have positive impacts for Central Texas students, families, and the community.”

About Communities in Schools®

Communities In Schools of Central Texas ensures every student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. Working directly inside 103 Central Texas schools in Austin, Bastrop, Elgin, Hays, Lockhart, Manor, Pflugerville, and San Marcos school districts, we connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them see, confront, and overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future. Together, we build a powerful change movement committed to building an equitable path to education for future generations. Learn more at ciscentraltexas.org