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(Kansas City, MO) February 14, 2017 - Guadalupe Education Systems (GES) today announced that Mr. Joe Palmer has been named the new GES Schools Leader. Mr. Palmer will oversee a school system that includes three locations that house 1,300 students from Pre-K through high school and over 150 staff. The Guadalupe Education System, first opened its Charter School, Alta Vista High School, in 1990. The Early Childhood Education Program opened in 1985. The Charter is sponsored by the University of Central Missouri and is one of the largest Charter school programs in the Kansas City area.

Mr. Palmer is currently the Elementary Principal at Kansas City International Academy. Prior to that he was the Chief Education Officer at Gordon Parks Charter School. In addition to the Gordon Parks Charter School, Mr. Palmer brings administrative experience in the Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley and Liberty Public School Districts. Mr. Palmer has an admirable record of working with diverse student populations, improving student achievement and strong staff/community engagement.

Guadalupe Education System Board of Directors President Cris Medina stated that “Mr. Palmer offers an extensive background in education administration. Mr. Palmer’s vast charter school experience and history of success and achievement will help support the ongoing efforts of the Guadalupe Education Systems in continuing the excellent educational program offerings of the district and we welcome him into this important leadership position. He was the person selected from a strong list of diverse candidates and was deemed to be the best fit for our charter school system.”

Mr. Palmer stated “I am truly impressed with the GES schools. I appreciate the opportunity and am excited to serve as the school leader for our students and school community.”

The Guadalupe Education System Board of Directors plans to announce a reception for Mr. Palmer in the near future so members of the community can meet and greet him. A reception for faculty and staff is also planned. Mr. Palmer begins formal employment on April 1, 2018.